

**1 1878 Jan. 1.**

New Year's Day, and holiday, with a bright sky, and bracing air.

Letter from Mr Coolidge (Osgood & Co) Boston stating he had despatched to us some finer heliotypes of the "Corday", but saying nothing about the negative.

Letter from D. Huntington, artist, N.Y. transmitting a carte de visite photo of himself, and promising to hunt ^up^ one of Thos. Cole.

**Jan. 2**

Bright, but cloudy in the afternoon.

Letter from Trowbridge & Jennings, Auburn, NY. sending check for \$12.75, for photos. retained, and returning those unbought.

Several new heliotype proofs of "Corday" rec'd from Mr Coolidge. They are much better than previous ones.

Mr Smilie took a negative of "The Judgement of Paris."

Mr Thurston called to have my opinion of a small oil portrait of Washington. I consider it painted by R. Peale.

Mr Forsbury asked permission to copy Kensett's "Autumn on Lake George."

Mr Worthington called with Mr Andrews, artist, to go to the latter's studio, where I saw a good portrait of Genl. McCook. He wishes to exhibit it here.

Wrote to Mr Huntington, artist, thanking him for photograph also to Mr Avery for his framed engraved portraits of Durand & Kensett.

Visitors	80	\$18.75
Catalogues	12	3.75
Photos		<u>1.25</u>
		\$23.00

**2 1878 Jan. 3**

Bright and cool.

Mrs. Spencer's Waiting for the Wave

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing one to him from Mrs. L. M. Spencer, artist, Newark, N. J. offering for sale to this Gallery an oil-painting "Waiting for the wave". A semi-nude girl about to bathe in the sea at a secluded spot.—just finished- not exhibited. Mr Walters thinks the "Genesee" a cheap picture.

Showed Dr Hall the heliotypes from Boston.

Sent Hurdle's bill for repairing the meter to Mr Hyde.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson came in, Read Mrs. Spencer's letter to him & he approved telling her to send her picture on exhibition at her expense.

Mrs. J.W. Johnston called to examine the Carrington vases.

Wrote to Trowbridge & Jennings, acknowledging check for photos.

Mr Smilie took negatives of Deck's vase & Japan Bowl for Miss J. Young.

Mrs.     called about selling portraits by West.

Mr L. C. Crawford got a copyist's card for Drawing.

Wrote to Mr Walters about exhibiting Mrs. Spencer's picture, and also to Mrs. Gray thanking her for the items about the "Judgement of Paris."

Day Visitors 573   Cats. 20 \$5.00   P. \$2.75

Night Visitors 304 \$29.10   27 6.78  
                  817                   11.75

### Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Heavy snow- storm last night, raining to-day & a clear in the afternoon.

Letter from S.P. Avery about the engraved portfolio of Durand & Kensett.

Mr Riggs approves of my preparing the Main Gallery for the new pictures, by raising some of the larger ones. Got Mr Taylor to put up platform to raise "Moses." Mr Smilie has finished his work

- 3 Dr Jouy brought proofs of the "Edict" and "Paris"—the first good, the last spotty. Sent a photo of the "Toilette" to Mr Bunce, & proposed to him to have it photographed on Wood for the Art Journal.

~~Night exhibition well attended.~~

Visitors 23 \$5.75   Catalogue 1 .25cts

### Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bright and cold. -icy streets and good sleighing.

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing one from Miss Doughty proposing to sell for \$1,000, a painting by Thos. Doughty called "Solitude," in possession of Col. Hollingsworth, Georgetown D.C. Wrote to her & Mrs. Spencer, "not buying now."

Letter from Leshner, Whitman & Co. 502 Broadway N. Y. offering to sell Lentze's "Washington Crossing the Delaware for \$5.00. Answered as above- not buying.

Mr Murdoch brought specimen of headings for note paper.

Wrote to Avery about the engraved portraits & said his letter of presentation would be laid before the Board at ~~M~~ its Annual Meeting.

Wrote to Mr Walters.

Mr Taylor lifted the "Moses" nearly 3 feet: -great improvement also "Drouth in Egypt"- giving ample space below.

Visitors 360   Catalogues 20 \$5.00   P. \$1.25

### Jan. 7

Last night & to-day the coldest of the season.

Letter from J. Hope artist Watkins N. Y. offering to sell "Sylvan Dell" for \$3,000- wrote him, "not buying."

Elevated Durands landscape, placed "Corday under it and lifted the Jackson & Guizot – a success.

4 Gave Mr Hodgkins a note to Mr Hyde with Lamb's check.

A Mr Merchenan came with a painting of a bog's head, which he says Mr Corcoran wishes me to touch over & varnish.

Visitors 36 \$9.00 Catalogues 4 ↑\$1.00↓ P. \$1.00

### Jan. 8

Colder this morning than yesterday, but thawing in afternoon. The Galleries are very cold. Mr Taylor was alone engaged in hanging pictures. Placed the "Edict" under Odalisque, & the Schreger to the right of "Tuccia."

Letter from San Francisco Art Association acknowledging photographs.

Visitors 350 Catalogues 14 \$3.50

### Jan. 9

Drizzling with sleet.

Letter from Mr Key acknowledging receipt of \$77.

Picture hanging continued at noon

Dr Barbarin called home at noon—illness of his mother.

Visitors 31 \$7.75 Cats. \$1.50 P. \$1.00

### Jan. 10

Rain, thaw- weather mild.

Finished hanging pictures. Taylor stopped at 11 a.m.

The change in the Main Gallery is a superb one.

Chamberlin's man (Newton) came. put glass in window of Trustees Room, & patched P. Gallery walls.

Mr Corcoran called. He does not like the "Genesee". Read to him Mrs Gray's letter.

Wet night, Mr Corcoran came with friends.

Visitors Day 134 Cats 7. \$1.75

Night 152 \$14.60 7 1.75

286 3.50

### 5 Jan. 11

Clear, cool & windy.

Letter from Mr Bunce stating the “Pompeian Toilette” have been engraved in the A. Journal Octr. 1876, did not want it. Sent to him notice of the new pictures. Chamberlin’s 2 men finished walls at 2.p.m.—oneday. Got a mat from Hooe Bros. too large- Ordered 500 envelopes stamped. Maj Powell & Mr Moran artist, called. The latter advised me to apply poppy oil to Des Goffes & the “Weeper” & clean the “monk”. Maj. Powell thinks Bierstadt’s Mt. Corcoran not truthful in form of the mountain—too much of a precipice- Mr Moran thinks it the best Bierstadt we could buy. M. Moral & wife (French) from San Francisco, brought card from Genl. Eaton. They were delighted with the Gallery. Dr Barbarin went home at noon.

Visitors 31 \$7.75 C. 4 \$1.00

### Jan. 12

Pleasantly cool & bright.  
Dr Barbarin was absent to-day.  
Mr Roberts came and examined the leaky boiler.  
Mr Guillaume brought his Flower picture back- much improved, but the sky is too blue yet. Mr Corcoran & all say so. He will change it. It is a superb work.  
Mr Poindexter brought up by Dr Hall’s request W. T. Richard marine view (water colors) \$400. for exhibition.  
6 A clerk from S. Ward’s law office brought ~~an negative~~ an envelope with Bierstadt’s name on it, containing the negative of “Corday” sent to his brother, smashed to pieces – no letter- nor explanation with it. It is very mysterious, & a poor return for our liberality.

V. 879 Cats. \$6.75 P. \$5.00

### Jan. 14

Cloudy, mild & threatening rain  
Letter from Mr Coolidge. He offers to furnish 200 copies of “Corday” heliotyped, for \$32.00. 16 cts a piece- this is so much higher than was expected, that by Dr Hall’s advice, I telegraphed him to send on the negative for our own use.  
Bronze group of Stag & Hounds by Diene, Paris sent for sale by Mrs. H. Upton.  
Mr Corcoran brought in a vol. of Thiers’ French Revolution containing a copy of the letter from Charlotte Corday while in prison, &c which he wishes inserted in the next Catalogue. Just what I have long wanted and it is a remarkable proof of Mr Corcoran’s vigilant interest in the Gallery, this apropos extract, for the new Catalogue.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at 7 ½ p. m. Present Dr. Hall, Mr Riggs, Mr Hyde, Mr Matthews, Mr McGuire, & Dr Welling, Mr Corcoran came & remained during the meeting.

The usual reports were reading. The Curator's Report contained several suggestions, & it was referred to the various committees.

Dr Hall appointed in his place.

- 7 The proposed new rules ~~were~~ for admitting pictures on exhibition & the rules for admitting copyists &c ~~also~~ were referred to a committee of three Messrs. Hall, Hyde, & McGuire -- \$100 was voted to the Curator for Cont. Fund.

V. 37 \$9.25 Cats. 4 \$1.00 P. \$3.00

### Jan. 15

Bright and windy.

It is now understood that any persons with teachers can draw from the casts.

Sent abstract of my Report to the "Post".

Dr Jouy brought photos. Certified his bill for \$67.

Gave Mr Rowzee permission to bring pupils to draw.

Mr Guillaume will alter the color of his flower-piece.

Miss E. Z de Darling left church picture for exhibition.

Gave card of copyist to J. H. Higgins.

Visitors 450 Catal. 15 \$3.75 P. \$1.25

### Jan. 16

Bright, and cool.

Wrote to Mrs Gray about her "Venus"- not buying old pictures.

The rear furnace is in operation again.

Rec'd "Corday" from Boston—all safe. Sent it to Dr Jouy.

Sent permission to C. W. Murdock to copy.

Wrote to J. R. Key for receipted bill.

Judge French left letter from Mr Porter, artist, proposing to send 4 pictures here for exhibition.

Miss Jones, & the beautiful Miss Turnstall called.

Visitors 73 \$18.25 Catal. 8 \$2.00 P. \$1.00

### Jan. 17

Cloudy & cold, threatening snow.

Read at Dr. Hall's room, Schliemann's account of the metope of Apollo, & corrected my notice in the Catalogue.

Mr Corcoran called- looking well & active.

- 8 Mr Forsberg got permission from Mr Riggs to copy "Lake George".  
Miss M. S. Hall of Omaha wrote to know about our photo.  
H. K. Brown, sculptor, & nephew were here at night.  
Visitors 510 (Day.) Cats. 15 \$3.75  
Visitors 512 (Night) Cats. 26 6.50 P. \$8.00  
1,022 41 \$10.25

**Jan. 18**

Mr Bierstadt called & apologized for the broken "Corday" negative, but gave no explanation of its loss. He offered to pay for it, but I declined. His price for the Mt. Corcoran is \$10,000- Explained a very excellent method of drawing from nature or from – trace on an upright pane of glass, the outlines with a lithographic pen, then trace them on paper over the glass.  
Sent plan for frame, & picture (photo) of Milton Shield to Phila. for an estimate.  
Mr Riggs says neither he nor Mr Walters like Mr Bierstadt's picture.  
Gave \$5.00 for Coker's Furniture Polish -& receipt and  
Visitors 70 \$16.25 Cats. 8 \$2.00 P. \$1.25

**Jan. 19**

Bright & pleasant.  
Fourth Anniversary of the Opening of this Gallery.

Got Coker to clean our carpet & give receipt for \$5.00. Dr Hall consenting, & authorizing it.

- 9 Mr Corcoran called & states that he will act about the Bierstadt picture, & at his request I wrote to the artist that Mr C. "will settle for the picture on the terms agreed upon at their meeting last night.

Mr & Mrs. Wm. Wirt by St Memin

Mrs Goldsborough called with her father ^Wm. Wirt^ & mothers portraits in crayon by St. Memin in 1808. Very interesting. I showed the volume of engraved heads by St. M. (among them her father's) and she spoke a long time about them.

Mr Waller, artist, N.Y. called and expressed surprise & delight over the Gallery, particularly the casts.

Mrs. Pegram from Baltimore called, also delighted with the change in the Gallery. Mr Corcoran came for her.

Judge French called.

Visitors 800 Catala 19 \$4.75 Photos. \$3.50

**Jan. 21**

Mild, cloudy with some rain.

Mr Rowzee admitted with pupil to copy.

Ordered Gibson to print copies of C. Corday's letter.

Mr Corcoran wished to have catalogue sent to Miss Welling.

Hung the Wirt crayon portraits in E. Gallery.

Dr Hall came in.

Visitors 50 \$12.00 Cats. 8 \$2.00 P. \$1.50

**Jan. 22**

Bright & pleasant.

Letter from Hall & Garrison- will make a polished walnut frame ^with^ velvet glass for \$15.00

- 10 Letter from Mr Bierstadt, intimating that the Mt. Corcoran was bought by Mr Corcoran & expressing his delight that it was to remain here. Showed it to Mr Corcoran, with a copy of my last letter to Mr B. and Mr. C. then stated that he had bought the picture for \$7,000 for his own house, but as Bierstadt wrote as if he expected it to be placed in the Gallery, he would let it remain there. The price is not to be mentioned. Mr C. wishes the picture to be placed on the west wall of the Main Gallery at my suggestion.
- Mr Guillaume took away his flower-piece, to subdue the blue of the sky.
- Miss Skeel applied to copy pictures.
- Mr Poindexter took the Marine View by Richards.
- Mr Hyde & Dr Hall demur to getting another door-mat.
- Dr Hall approved ordering "Milton Shield" frame for \$15.
- Mr Smilie failed in his negative of "Corday".

Visitors 500 Cats. 19 \$4.75 P. \$2.00

**Jan. 23**

Bright with a cold northwester.

Hart's bust of Henry Clay

Rec'd 3 boxes of Statuary, containing bust, pedestal and base of the bust of Henry Clay by Joel T. Hart. It cost \$460. It is a good likeness, but its dignity is much impaired by its realistic dress,-coat, cravat, large shirt-collar, & buttons, a simple robe would have made it perfect. It was bought ~~by~~ from S. P. Avery N.Y.

Mr Smilie took negative of "Corday" & Mt. Corcoran.

- 11 Mr Riggs called & approved the position of the new pictures. Some gentlemen called to ask privilege of exhibiting here, ^small^ models of engine & Pullman palace-cars! They seemed surprised to hear I could not grant it without special authority, this being exclusively an Institution devoted to the Fine Arts- they urging that the work was artistic-like our reproductions. I referred them to the Board or to Mr Corcoran, but they did not return.

Dr Jouy brought proofs of the photo of Judgement of Paris very dark—the colors of the picture are the cause.

Visitors 83 \$20.75 Cats. 16 \$4.00 P. \$3.00

### Jan. 24

Bright and cold.

Preparing new edition of Catalogue.

Mr Corcoran likes the bust of Clay, except the dress.

Messrs. Walters & Riggs came. They wished me to change the positions of the “Lake George” & Count Eberhard, I did not mention Mr Corcoran’s wish to put the Bierstadt in the middle of the west wall, as I did not then know it would suit.

Sent rug back to Hooe Bros.

Visitors (Day) 383 Cats 14 \$3.50

Visitors (Night) 392 \$37.50 Cats 28 7.00  
775 42 10.50

### Jan. 25

Bright and mild-afternoon cloudy.

Rec’d a card illustrations of the Telephone n.

Tried “Count Eberhard” under the “Moses” on the west wall, but immediately took it down. It was too gloomy—like one funeral under another. Put up “Mount Corcoran”, & the change was magnificent. It overpowers even “Moses”, & lights up that here tofore gloomy end of the gallery. The “Kensett” looks much better in its new place—other important changes are made.

- 12 Mr Corcoran came in & was delighted with the position of the “Bierstadt”, & says he will explain to Mr Riggs why I have not carried out his & Mr Walters instructions in reference to that particular position for “Count Eberhard”.

Earl Dufferin & Adl. Jones

The Earl of Dufferin, & Admiral Jones & Mrs J. (the latter of the British embassy) came. The former on my introduction to him, proved a pleasant courteous gentleman, of unpretending manner, though highly polished. He expressed his surprise at the extent &



magnificence of the Galleries, particularly of the casts, & was pleased to see the copyists utilizing the privilege given them. Admiral Jones was loud in his praise of the Bierstadt.

Dr Jouy brought photos. of "Toilette" & "Smokers".

Visitors 75 \$17.25 Cats. 10 \$2.50

### Jan. 26

Bright & very mild.

Hall & Garrison writes that the invitation ebony frame with velvet & French will cost \$25.

Continued hanging pictures, sent for Mr Taylor to do it.

Mr Moran applied to store a picture in our cellar. Dr Hall consents.

Dr Jouy brought proofs of Corday & Mt. Corcoran, the sky of the latter is entirely too weak.

Visitors 800 Cats. 27 \$6.75 P. \$6.00

### Jan. 28

13 Heavy rain last night, cool & clear to-day.

Mr Coolidge writes that he will charge 10 cts per copy for heliotypes. Osgood will consider about the other photos sent to him.

Received proofs from Gibson.

Letter from Miss M. **A.** Hall, Omaha, enclosing \$1.00 for cabinet size "Corday"- ~~Sent card~~ Wrote her that we had but two sizes for \$1.00 \$2.50 each.

Taylor raised "Caesar" 8 feet about the ledge. Sent for Chamberlin to repair the wall.

Placed "Night over the Main entrance. Taylor finished landscape for exhibition & sale.

Wrote to Hall & Garrison to explain their estimate for frame.

Visitors 46 \$10.00 Cats. \$1.00 Photos. \$1.00

### Jan. 29

Bright and mild.

Card from Miss Ransom Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, asking if she was to return or pay for extra ~~Card~~ "Tuccia" sent in December. Wrote her to retain without charge.

The cast wall under Caesar still unrepaired. Chamberlin promises to paint it in one day tomorrow & finish.

Constant Meyer of N. Y. artist came with a friend.

Col. Winthrop U.S.A. wishes privilege to a lady-friend to consult the new Clarence Cook edition of Lubke's History of in this room. Offered to let her read our edition.

- 14 Two thieves with blue badges (temperance ones distributed by a Temperance orator (Irish) named Murphy, were in the gallery, and after they left a detective was on their tracks. A few minutes after a lady in the gallery, missed her pocket-book.

Sent my last Mss ^of catalogue^ to the printer.

Mrs Horatio King called with a friend.

Genl. Bolles of the Navy Dept. called. Is delighted with "Bierstadt's picture.

Saw Maj. Elliott of War Dept. about the Wheeler map showing the position of Mt.

Corcoran, & to get the name of the lake in Bierstadt's picture.

Mr Matthews called & approves my call for enlargement of the wash rooms, & the construction of a room extending from the window near my desk into the court.

Gave Mr French, sculptor, photo of the "Toilette".

Mr Taylor put handles on the front door.

Visitors 525 Cats 20 \$5.00 Photos. \$4.00

### Jan. 30

Cool and bright, afternoon cloudy.

Letter from Hall & Harrison stating \$25. was the lowest price for the frame I want. It will be done by handwork, whereas, the polished walnut is by machinery. Wrote him to know the price if maroon merino is used, and also without velvet, marino, or glass.

Miss Zook of Olney, Ills. wrote to Mr Corcoran for a catalogue. Sent it.

Chamberlin's men repaired the wall before night.

Received from Mayor Elliott a ^photo of^ curious drawing by Gen. Catlin in 1825, of West Point. It is

- 15 interesting as showing the place as it was 50 years ago, & the style of dress of cadets & visitors.

Mr Norton of N. Y. (brother-in-law of Mrs Boubginy) called to speak of the "Escape of Charles XII" —the picture now in Phila. He has authority to sell it, from Baron Hamerlin. I told him about what I had heard from Mr Sartain, & Mr Corcoran's insisting it was offered to him for \$~~22~~ 2500. Mr Norton will write to Sweden.

Mr Porter's pictures arrived from Boston- 4 in number. There are two portraits one of a famous beauty of Boston- Miss Maud Howe — that represents a very lonely girl resting upon a chair-back, & on the seat is a capital bull-terrier. The coloring of this work, indeed of all, is of the highest order, rich & deep in tone, & the broad handling that of a master. No one has ever heard of the artist here, but his work has created a great sensation. The other portrait is of Mr D. C. French, sculptor—there is also a study of a Girl reading, a water lily in a jar, & an interior of San Marco, Venice.

Genl. Hunter introduced me to Genl. Strother (Porte Crayon) who is a much older man than I had expected. He is extremely lively & interesting in conversation.

Mr Smilie said he could photograph Mt. Corcoran on wood, & give proper effect.

Sent Mrs McMahan \$2.50. for washing.

Mrs George & Miss Robinson called.

Lieut Wheeler (Explorer) called & testified to the truth of "Mt. Corcoran".

Visitors 112 \$25.75 Cats. 9 \$2.25 Photos \$11.00

## 16 Jan. 31

Snow last night, & this morning, ending in rain.

Finished hanging pictures on the east wall of Main Gallery.

Mr Meade called with a design for statue (Albert Durer) for the outside niches. Left it for inspection.

Genl. Breck U.S.A.

Visitors (Day) 112 Cats. 13 \$3.25 ^P^ \$2.00

Visitors (Night) 19 \$1.90 1.00

131 1.90 13 \$3.25 \$3.00

## Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mild and cloudy.

At home until 11 a. m. at work on the Catalogue. Gave all corrected.

Dr Hall is laid up with gout in his knee.

Judge French called about Porter's pictures.

Governor Randolph, Miss Tunstall & Miss K—called and were delighted with Porter's pictures, & Bierstadt. They examined the St. Memin portraits.

Messrs Hall & Garrison wrote that an imitation ebony frame alone for \$13.00

Col. Curtis brought his picture of Drake's Bay.

Visitors 112 \$28 Cats. 10 \$2.50 P. \$1.00

## Feb. 2d

Mild, cloudy, & occasionally bright.

Letter from Mrs ~~Boyd~~ Shedd introducing Mr & Mrs Boyden showed them through the Gallery.

Mr - copyist took away his Boy's Head.

Ordered a frame for ~~\$26.00~~ from Hall & Garrison.

Consul General Slitz sent as a present a copy in oils by Mrs Fassett, of an original portrait (small) of Vela, the sculptor of the last Days of Napoleon. Acknowledged.

Visitors 575 Catalogues 16 \$4.00 P. \$9.75

## 17 Feb. 4

Bright & Bracing.

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from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Letter from C.B. Norton N.Y. stating that Baron Hermelin price for the "Charles XII"  
was at the lowest \$3,250, and that \$2500 was offered. He would take \$3,000.

Letter from J.R. Key enclosing receipt for \$77.

Letter from Mr Walters advising that for the benefit of the poor his gallery would be open  
from 11 a. m. to 4. p.m. until March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr Corcoran came with Miss Bryan. He approves Mr Carlisle's portrait being kept in the  
Main Gallery. He says he has written to Sartain about Chas XII, and does not wish to  
correspond with Norton.

Vestal Tuccia

An engraving & account of Vestal Tuccia in Illustrated News Jan. 19/78.

D Jouy brought photos. of various kinds.

Dr Hall appeared, first time for a week.

Visitors 67 \$15.00 Cats. 8 \$2.00

## **Feb. 5**

Bright & mild.

Miss A. J. Curtis applied for copying under Mr Seibert.

Dr Powell with some specimens of St. Memin's engraved portraits, which we have  
already, though one in our book is evidently misnamed. He will call again.

Mr Scott is to make labels for names of large pictures.

Mrs James of N. Y. called to show an ivory miniature of Washington.

Dr Jouy called with proofs of Mt. Corcoran by Miss ^\$1.00,^ very satisfactory. Ordered  
the same to Judgement of Paris negative for \$1.50.

## **18** Mr Williams, L. F. Schneider & Co sent in bills.

Rec'd from Mr Hyde statement of my last a/c, showing two errors in my favor. Glad it is  
so.

Mr Meade called.

Went to see H.K. Brown's equestrian statue of Gen. Greene. The front view & to the  
right of the front, are very good but from other points the statue does not look graceful or  
imposing. The extended right arm is like a pump-handle. The figure sits upright & stiff  
in the saddle. Brown's genius is evidently on the wane. The horse is like a horse but of  
an indifferent model.

The statue of Wm. King in the Capitol (Old Hall) by Simmons is a grand work, dignity,  
ease & firmness are all combined. The head & face are noble.

Col. Curtis sent another picture in lieu of the first one.

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Miss Gales brought Blanchard's miniature of Henry Clay for sale. 1847. It belongs to Mrs. Joseph Gales, once a leader of fashion & of applause, now in her old age driven to sell such household goods for the means of subsistence.

Dr Barbarin left at 3 p. m. unwell.

Visitors 560 Catalogues 23 \$5.75 Photos. \$4.25

## Feb. 6

Bright & pleasant.

Dr Barbarin sends word he too ill to be here to-day.

At Mr Corcoran's request, sent to him a photo of Forced Prayer.

Letter from Mr Bunce requesting photo of "Mt. Corcoran to be sent to him- mad for the Art Journal.

- 19 Mr Andrews (artist) & his uncle Mr Fraser of Cincinnati called. Mr A. will send up two of his pictures here. The portrait of Gen. McCook was sent here to-day.

Miss Gale called to speak of Bancroft Davis as a probable purchaser of the Clay miniature- wishes me to write to Mr Walters about it. Have done so.

Dr Welling called & disapproved admission of Col. Curtis' landscapes.

Letter from Pa. Acad. Fine Arts acknowledging Photos.

Visitors 92 \$21.75 Cats. \$2.00 Photos. \$3.00

## Feb. 7

Bright & very mild.

Janitor recd a note for a catalogue from Miss A. T. Kirk – enclosing stamps. ↑.30cts↓  
Sent it.

Dr Barbarin sends word he is too unwell to appear here.

Corrected the statement of my last a/c, and find the Bal. due Curator \$36.84 in my favor-  
nearly \$10.00.

Admiral Powell & Genl. Emory examined the "St. Memin portraits" with great interest.  
Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson came in at the same time.

Dr. Jouy brought photos. & I certified his bill \$27.20.

Mr Wunderlich will send specimens of engraving for inspection.

Gave Mr Darrell (Janitor) \$5.00 in small change for to-night.

Night exhibition very pleasant.

Night Visitors 409 + 151 \$40.92 Cats. 26 \$6.50 P. \$1.00

Day Visitors 683 Cats. 28 7.00 P. 1.00

M 1,092 40.92 54 \$13.50 \$2.00

**20 Feb. 8**

Cloudy with rain, though mild.

Put the last corrected proof in Gibson's hands.

Dr Barbarin has not come to-day.

Hung McCook's portrait in East Gallery, also the catholic picture belonging to Miss Darling.

Mr Riggs called. Admiral Porter's "Miss Howe."

Mr Smilie came & engaged to photograph on wood "Mt. Corcoran" for the Art Journal, as soon as Jouy can spare the p negative.

Wrote to Mr Bunce that the photo ^on wood^ would be \$5.00 exclusive of the cost of the wood. Sent him a proof.

Mr Boardman sent up note paper & envelopes.

Gave Miss Curtis card for copying.

Mr Andrews artist called & offered to instruct copyists gratuitously.

Sent \$3.00 to "Ev'g Post" N.Y. for coming year's subscription.

Visitors 49 \$12.25 Cats. 8 \$2.00

**Feb. 9**

Bright and mild.

Letter Julian A, Spear, Marion Ala. enclosing \$1.00 for "Talking Well" sent it, & postal carded her.

Dr Barbarin writes that he is too ill to appear to-day.

Mr White ^of Paris^ & Mr Hudson of Chicago called. Mrs. H. wishes to copy.

St. Memin Dr Powell

Dr Powell of Alexa. called with more St. Memin portraits (engraved) three anonymous, & me of Mrs Jane Stewart Newton Del, belonging to Geo Wise of Alexa. who has crayon portrait of his gran^d^father Peter Wise taken by St. Memin.

**21** This engraved portrait of Mrs Newton is the same as ours on page 49, and miscalled Mrs. Alexr. Smyth. Dr Powell says there are many of these portraits in Alexa. & he read a portion of a letter of his grandfather Leven Powell in 1800 (whose portrait is in our collection) in which he speaks of his pictures, & of the artist.

Genl. Emory called, & I went with him to his house to see a crayon-drawing by St. Memin, of Wm. Bache 179.

The General has also a superb portrait of Alexr. ^T^ Dallas, (father of G. M. Dallas, Vice-President) who was considered the handsomest man in the country.

Mrs. Brooks (artist of Iolanthe in butter) came with a card from Mr Corcoran. She wishes to perpetuate that heroine in marble, & wishes to learn the costume of her time (Henry VI of England). I gave her a note of introduction to Mr Spofford Congressional Library.

Dr Hall came in, also Gov. Cook (Trustee & Mrs Ellis of Chicago to the latter I gave a "Corday" & Catalogue.

Mr Andrews sent here his picture.

Sent photo of "Corday" to M. S. Hall, Omaha, Neb.

Visitors 747 Cats. 29 \$7.25 P. \$3.25

## Feb. 11

Cold, cloudy & threatening snow.

Dr Barbarin appeared to-day on duty.

Letter from Benj. Durham, Clerk of the Art Committee Exposition Building, Chicago, inquiring where good casts of sculpture can be procured, in this country & abroad & how? ~~Answered~~ Answered.

- 22 Letter from Danl. ^A^ Matthews (art Rooms N. Y. 174 5<sup>th</sup>, Av.) offers for sale life-size bust of Dewitt Clinton- with scagliola marble pedestal- original cost \$1,000; will sell for \$500 – also a marble group of 2 figures by Ives from "Excelsior" –cost \$1500. Answered Feb. 12.

Mrs Brooks- artist of Iolanthe in butter called. She says her first attempt was in simple designs for butter prints which she charmed & sold. She gives an amusing account of her Iolanthe at the Centennial.

Mr Corcoran came & gives permission to Mr. Henry of Va. to have his father's engraved portrait by St. Memin, photographed.

Gave a complimentary card to Miss Hallowell, Chicago.

Dr Hall called, says Mr Corcoran approves the idea of giving medals for pictures.

Miss Gales called about the Clay miniature.

Visitors 48 \$11.25 Cats. 12 \$3.00

## Feb. 12

Bright and bracing.

Letter from C. B. Norton, N. Y. fixing price of Charles XII. at \$3,000 less the duty.

Wrote in reply nothing can be done in the matter at present.

Order from P. H. Hewins, Wellington Bros. & Co 66 Chauncy St. Boston, for  $\frac{3}{4}$  Napoleon enclosing one dollar & 4 stamps. Sent it.

Rec'd receipt for \$3.00. subscription to N.Y. Evg. Post.

- 23** Mr Meade sculptor called, and Mr Corcoran coming in they had a conversation upon the subject of statues for the outside niches, Mr M. showing his design for one of Albert Durer. The latter stating the whole work of each statue to be delivered here would be \$2,000, for material of 2d class Carrara Marble. Mr Corcoran said this was double what other sculptors would charge, & \$600 for Parisian Stone. Mr C. was in a very pleasant mood and stated that he gave Mr Meade in Italy his first order, in 15 minutes after he saw him- the subject was "Echo," in the Bronze Hall. He also stated having received a letter from Lord Dufferin, in praise of his gallery, the Bierstadt, of which he had purchased a copy in water-color.
- Saw Gibson & he promised new catalogue in 3 days.
- Mr Andrews called with friends.
- Dr Barbarin left before 3 p.m. unwell.
- A lady & gentlemen from Va. called & examined the St. Memin portraits.
- Visitors 558 Catal. 22 \$5.50 Photo \$2.00

### Feb. 13

Bright & mild.

Dr Barbarin appeared to-day in health.

Mr Corcoran brought the drawings of the proposed addition to the Gallery by Mr Renwick. Their general plan seem excellent. Mr Hyde came in at the same time, & read to Mr Corcoran, from our records certain correspondence with the Govt. about the back-rents for this Building. Mr C. afterwards remarked that if Congress gave him that back rent in full, he would start the new building at once.

- 24** Wrote to Mr Sartain about the St. Memins, & spoke of Mr Corcoran's invitation to him to visit him, which he had not answered.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 71 \$16.75 Cats. 12 \$3.00 Photos. \$2.50

### Feb. 14

Cloudy with some snow & threatening rain.

Dr & Mrs. & Miss Lansdale came -old acquaintances. Miss L. desires to copy casts.

Gave a copy of the Regulations.

Sent the portrait of Mrs. Meikleman boy to her.

Mr French 2d. auditor of the Treasury called.

Day Visitors 315 Catal. 16 \$4.00 Photos \$1.00

Night Visitors 146 \$14.20 18 4.50 \$1.00



461 14.20 34 8.50

**Feb. 15**

Snow but not to **lie**—mild & disagreeable.

Mr Scott came & put on several labels to pictures and is to make others.

Mr Yoshida Japanese minister, & friends came in. He says he would like copy pictures if he knew how.

Mr Andrews, artist, came & was introduced to the lady copyists, giving them hints how to work.

Mr Corcoran called with a lady. Dr Hill called.

Dr Jouy brought photos pf “Paris” (much improved) of “Heir” & Mr Corcoran.

Visitors 95 \$21.25 Cats. 7 \$1.75 Photos 6.85

**25 Feb. 16**

Cloudy and mild.

Letter from H. Wunderlick explaining that a package rec’d from him to-day, containing an assortment of old etchings, are sent for examination & sale, in consequence of his agent (who was here a few days since) telling that I would like to examine such ~~at~~ a lot. I had expressly told the agent we were not buying such things, but if he chose to send here a few (supposing they were in the city) he might do so. The etchings may be as valuable as curious, but there is not a dozen out of the 200 or more, of any interest to me. Will write to him on Monday- wrote him to-day.

Letter from Mr Sartain. He will try & send ^H.^ Smith’s address.

Letter from S. J. Gibbons Art Rooms N.Y. offering to sell for \$5,000. gold the “Death of the Fox”, said to be a fine painting by Beuno Adam, 47 in x 35 ½. He is to send a photograph. A friend of mine whose name he does not give, ~~will~~ has seen it, & will call shortly to tell me about it. At noon received a colored photo of the picture. Wrote him not buying at present.

Mr introduced Mr McKean of Phila.

New edition of Catalogue.

Gibson sent up new edition of Catalogue. 100 copies.

Visitors 800 Cats. 34 \$8.50 Photos \$7.00

**26 Feb. 18**

Monday, bright & mild.

Sent to Mr Corcoran a copy of the new edition of the Catalogue, & one ready for mailing to Miss Welling at Rome, as requested. Dr Hunter brought to me Miss Welling's letter to him from Rome—a very sprightly sketch of her art experiences, with notices of Leroux, Castellani, Vedder, Vestilaume &c. The latter ♀ will send a photograph here of one of his new pictures.

Mr Corcoran came & gave me a letter from Mr Sartain accepting “the offer (through me) of \$2,500 for Charles XII, with 376.09 cts added on, amt of lieu of the Penn Acady. for duty advanced on it. Mr C. expressed his surprise that he had been represented as making an offer at all. I afterwards found I had said to Mr Sartain that he was willing to give \$2,500. It is a disagreeable mistake, but I am sure Mr Corcoran has forgotten that he had said it, for otherwise I would not have assumed the responsibility of saying he did.

However it is a mistake **ouy**. Wrote to Mr Sartain explaining the mistake.

Miss B. Dennison came introduced by card from Mr Corcoran, to draw from casts. Gave her the blank forms of application.

Mrs Upton called & was told the Gallery declined purchasing her bronze group.

Miss Hallowell called to talk about the cost of casts.

Visitors 74 \$17.50 Catala 10 \$2.49 Photos. \$3.25

**27 Feb. 19**

Cool & bright.

Called at Mr Corcoran's and explained to him that I had stated to Mr Sartain that Mr C. was willing to buy the “Charles XII,” and that Mr S. was not responsible for the mistake. Mr C. took the explanation pleasantly.

New edition of the Catalogue (12<sup>th</sup>.) issued

Issued the new edition of the Catalogue. New pictures received their numbers, & rehung ~~many~~ all of the pictures taken from the Main Gallery, in the West Gallery, which now presents a better appearance.

Hung Mr Andrews' French peasant girl in the east Gallery.

J. Durand's David Crockett

Letter from J. Durand Paris, stating he had directed Profr. Mayer ^to forward to me D. Crockett's likeness^.

Judge French called: he says that ~~Robert~~ Porter is painting another portrait of Miss Howe (sitting) for the Paris Exposition. I asked the Judge to learn from Mr Porter if the portrait here is for sale, & at what price. Gave the Judge a Catalogue.

Sent a note to Mr F. B. McGuire that the "Regiment" is here.

Mr McGuire & Dr Hall called.

Mr Stearns of Va. a long resident of Paris, came & stated that he had two large paintings by Lamie of Paris, representing scenes of the Siege of Yorktown & the Battle of New Orleans, which he wishes to sell, & wants to put on exhibition here. He had spoken to Mr Corcoran, who sympathized with his request- so he said. I declined giving him permission until Mr Hyde & others on the Committee on the Hyde resolutions, were consulted. Dr Barbarin

**28** went with him to see Mr H. The latter & Mr Riggs both demurred to the permission, and partly on the ground that we are not to admit pictures for sale- a strange view indeed—as it shuts the door on the exhibition of most pictures, & discourages the growth of Art.

Mr Corcoran came & requested four more catalogues to be sent to Miss Welling. He thinks that Mr Stearns' pictures are too large for the Gallery.

Card from Mr A.O. Mason Galesburg Knox Co. Ill. asking for Catalogue & price list of Photos. —of "Regiment".

Miss Dennison sent her an easel.

Dr Jouy sent copies of the "Toilette" embossed- or the design forced up in a rounded shape.

Visitors 700 Cats. 34 \$8.50 Photos \$4.00

## **Feb. 20.**

Raw and somewhat cloudy.

Bill from Hall & Garrison for Milton Shield \$26. One dollar of it for packing. The frame is here. The wood-work disappoints me- not artistic—Wrote to him.

Letter from Mr Wunderlich N. Y. urging us to begin collecting rare prints, & refers to Mr Corcoran, as though he ought to be interested in the matter.

Wrote to him.

Connell's copies from Le Brun.

Letter from J. H. Connell Richmond Va. wishing to dispose of his 3 pictures after Le Brun, asking my advice & aid in selling them.

**29** Put numbers of the new things in the Bronze Hall.

Mr Norton asked if he could place a lot of Swedish pictures in the Gallery for sale. They are coming consigned to him. Objected to.

Sent a price list of photos. of "Regiment"-- \$2.50.

Sent postal card to Mr. Wunderlich N. Y. that the Board declines buying his prints & that Mr Corcoran does not engage in doing such things- leaving the work to the Board.

Dr Hall called & left with me a letter to him from Rose Durfee Agent of Sales of American Water colors at the N. Y. Academy of Design, proposing to arrange with the Trustees of this Gallery for a special exhibition of the Society's works, on the close of the present exhibition- have a suitable room rent-free for 150 water-color pictures with some foreign pieces to compare with. She asks if the expenses of transportation &c would be covered by admission receipts. The Exhibition closes on March 2d. & requests immediate answer.

Sent postal card to Mrs Shedd with catalogue.  
Visitors 89 \$21.25 Cats. 15 \$3.75 Photos \$4.00

## Feb. 21

Mild & cloudy.

Letter from Mr Sartain: he states that the duty on the picture of Chas XII. was of course to be deducted from the \$2,500.—which neither Mr Corcoran nor myself so understood. Completed the hanging of all the pictures in the Catalogue, & in the Main Gallery.

Wrote to J. H. Connell Richmond, hinting to him that he had better remove his pictures.

Wrote to Miss Durfee N. Y. in reply to her proposition to exhibit here water color Society's pictures.

Mr Riggs called to see Wunderlich's etchings. He does not approve purchase of any. He expresses a wish to buy for the Gallery, a selection of Braun's autotypes.

Dr Hall brought a letter from him to the Commissioners of Police, asking that our fireman be made a special policeman. It was copied & forwarded.

At my request Mr Lamb called to look at the Milton Shield frame & pronounced the wood-work objectionable. I wrote to Hall & Garrison, stating that the frame proper was too rough & smeary in color, & the joining too indifferent to be acceptable.

Box containing water-color portrait of David Crockett arrived from N.Y.

Day	Visitors 574	Cats. 32	\$8.00	Photos. \$8.50
Night	Visitors <u>439</u>	\$43.20	Cats. <u>19</u>	<u>4.75</u>
	1013	\$43.20	51	12.75
				9.50

## 31 Feby 22

Washington's Birth-Day. The Gallery, as usual, open.

Heavy wind & strong wind last night. Cloudy to-day but promise of a clear afternoon.

Right fore-finger was broken from the Bone-player last night- fortunately the finger was found on the floor.

Sent to Mr Corcoran the gist of Mr Sartain's letter to me. He called at once and I read to him my letter to Mr Sartain and the latter's reply.

The picture of David Crockett is the one referred to in John Durand's letter from Paris. He offers it for \$300, but will take anything. The picture slipped from its fastening to the mat. Mr Corcoran decidedly opposed its purchase, as unfit for the Gallery, so I will pack & return it. Will write to Mr Durand.

Dr Hall called & shortly after Mr Stephens M. C. from Ga. He is very feeble, but active in body.

Mr Stearns came with a letter from Mr Riggs authorizing to hand his pictures in gallery not occupied by our pictures.

Maj Curtis will send for his pictures.

Visitors 143 \$28.25 Cats. 26 \$6.50 Photos. \$10.50

## 32 Feb. 23

Mild & cloudy. Dr Barbarin too ill again to come.

Letter from S. J. Gibbons N. Y. to return photograph of the "Death of the Fox"- sent it with a ~~card~~ letter.

Mr Meade sculptor called.

Lycett sent up 1 bd. volume of Appleton's Journal & 1 of London Illustrated News."

Sent his bill to Mr Hyde.

Mr Hudson brought his wife's specimen of painting, received blank for application, & engaged to copy Corday.

Mr Wilson introduced Doctor Corning N.Y. who has been studying art in Europe for 8 years, and wishes to deliver a lecture upon art. He also inquired about the cost of imported casts, with a view of purchasing some for the Metropn. Museum of Art N.Y.

Mr- brought for examination a large number of etched illustrations of our civil war by E. Forbes N. Y. who followed the army for years. They are admirable and full characters: but not wanted at this time.

Mr **Meikalopp** requested me to get a copy of the large Corday not albumenized, for her to color. Sent to Dr Jouy for it & wrote what she wants.

Mr Corcoran called.

Visitors 735 Cats. 29 \$7.25 Photos \$6.00

**33 Feb. 25**

Cold, cloudy & threatening snow. Dr Barbarin on duty.  
Letter from Miss Durfee N. Y. acknowledging mine.

Note from Police Supert. stating that Cassidy (our fireman must be an honorably  
discharged soldier or sailor, to be a policeman.

Mr Poindexter called to inquire about the prospect of selling to this Gallery, the water-  
color Marine by W. C. Richards- consulted Mr Riggs who says Art Committee can buy  
nothing.

Dr. Hall, Mr Corcoran & Dr Welling called. The latter proposed that Dr Corning be  
allowed the use of the Picture Gallery for his eight lectures. Dr Hall demurred on the  
ground of a precedence, and on being consulted as to its fitness, I quoted from my Journal  
that after Profr. Weir's lecture 3 years ago, the Gallery's acoustic qualities were  
considered unfit.

Dr Welling is to make further inquiry & the Board will then act upon the proposition of  
the lecturer.

Visitors 68 \$17.00 Cats. 13 \$3.25 Photos. \$3.00

**Feb. 26**

Very cold and cloudy.

Mrs Laughtner's pictures

Postal card from Jos. C. G. Kennedy 720 15<sup>th</sup>. St stating that by Mr Corcoran's  
permission, he was allowed to deposite for safe-keeping in this Gallery (or for inspection  
if desired) some small pictures belonging to Mrs Laughtner. They were sent up: one  
represents (in oil colors) a girl painting a doll, & one also in oils, representing a cavalry  
group, & two mosaic views of the Colisseum & St Peters. Receipted for.

**34 Dr. Hall & Mr McGuire called. They are both opposed to the proposed lectures by Dr  
Corning being given this Gallery.**

Col. Curtis took away his landscape.

Visitors 449 Cats. 30 \$7.50 Photos. \$12.00

**Feb. 27**

Bright & genial.

Gibson sent up 300 catalogues (six bundles).

Pocket-book found in the Gallery last evening. Proved to be the property of Miss Farr Phila.

Genl. Cesnola, renowned for his explorations in the isle of Cyprus, called with Mr F. B. McGuire. He is a stout fine looking man, full of interest in art matters, & is a Trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art N. Y. for which he is ~~in~~ to collect statuary. He is amazed at the magnificence of our Gallery, particularly of the casts, their selection & arrangement.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 112 \$28 Cats. 18 \$4.50 Photos \$7.00

**Feb. 28**

Bright & mild.

Postal card from Kennedy giving description of Madame Laughtner's pictures. He speaks of two more, which were not sent.

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Dr Corning & Mr Poindexter called to see about the use of the Gallery for his ~~pictures~~ lectures on Art. He understood that it was settled that he was allowed the privilege, & was astonished when I told him that I had heard nothing of the privilege being granted to him, and that it was expected that the proposition would be submitted to the Board for their decision which had not yet been done.

Profr. – brought a pen & ink view of the Capitol price \$00.

Mr Guillaume (artist) & daughter called. He will soon bring his lower-price, repainted.

Dr Welling came & after consultation with Dr Hall, I was directed to call a special meeting of the Board for to-morrow evening at 7 ½ o'clock.

Wrote to John Durand Paris, stating his Crockett picture was declined.

Visitors 706 Cats 21 \$5.25 Photos \$4.00

Night Visitors 273 \$27.30 Cats 12 3.00

979 \$27.30 33 \$8.25 4.00

**March 1**

Bright and very mild: an extraordinary winter! & the spring opens genially.

Attendance last night very select. Mr Corcoran present.

Letter from J. H. Connell requesting his pictures to be returned Expenses &c to be paid for by him.

Mrs. McClermont called with pictures for Mr Corcoran to examine.

Ordered 200 manilla envelopes 18 x 23. 500 lights do 12 x 16 from Boardman.

Mr Bierstadt called. Will urge Mr Corcoran to maroon the walls of the picture galleries.

Mr Cook (Trustee) called – is opposed to lectures in the Gallery.

Genl Cesnola & Consul Genl. J. A. Goodenow came in before closing.

Visitors 90 \$22.00 Cats. 8 \$2.00 Photos. \$3.50

### 36 March 2

Weather mild & somewhat misty.

A special meeting of the Board was held last night at this Gallery. Dr Hall (in the chair) Mr Hyde, Mr Matthews Mr McGuire, Mr Cook, Mr Riggs & Dr Welling.

It was ordered that Dr Corning be allowed the use of the Picture Gallery for lectures, provided that not more than sixty chairs be used for that purpose, in addition to the settees now in use –at the lecturer's expense.

Went to see Constant Mayer's pictures at Barlow's. The subjects are not pleasing, & the executions full of faults.

Mrs Brooks (butter-sculptress) called.

Wrote to Hall & Garrison about the Milton frame.

Mr McGuire called.

Mr Corcoran called with Mrs. Pegram of Balt. Gave her a catalogue and list of photos.

Visitors 575 Cats. 27 \$6.75 Photos \$15.65

### March 4

Cloudy, windy & cold – a March day.

Letter from Stearns, Richmond Va. stating that the large French pictures will leave R. on Tuesday, & reach this city on Thursday night, & arrive here on Friday.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Jones, Mrs Nicholson and Miss Turnstall of Richmond Va. The last is here for a few days to leave for ~~Richmond~~ Lynchburg.

### 37 Dr. Jouy brought photographs of "Marching Regiment."

Visitors 68 \$15.25 Cats. 8 \$2.00 Photos \$2.00

### March 5

Bright & not as cold as yesterday.



Mr Wiswell (agent for Forbes' army scenes etched on copper called & I went with him to the War Dept. to see more of the etchings in charge of Genl. McCook of Sherman's planning many of the peculiarities of the scenes in battle, & in camp. He showed me also two fine pictures illustrating the killing of the Buffalo, & the habits of the wolves. Genl. Whipple of the same office wished me to advise him when Mr Porter (artist of Boston) came here.

Col. Minor told me he had a St. Memin portrait of his father in Crayon, & engraved. I invited him to call and examine our book, which contains his father's likeness.

Rec'd from J. H. Connell, Richmond \$3.00 for packing & carting box of pictures acknowledged it.

Mr Corcoran sent me a small old Ecce Homo painting on panel, and a letter from its owner R. E. Maroney Camden S.C. to him, requesting him to purchase it. She says it was painted by D. E. Poibly, or some such man which I can't find in any directory here. Mr Corcoran came but postponed any talk about the picture until another time.

38 Mr Rogers of J. H. Hull & Co Cincinnati, has selected  
dozen photographs to be sent by express to him, to be paid for on delivery.

A Kansas chief Eagle Plume with his interpreter Mr Stubbs visited the Gallery, & I gave them a note to Genl. McCook to see the Buffalo pictures in the War Dept.

Mr Corcoran, came with Mr Auchincloss. A Sir Peter Coates & Miss Coates. Mr A. is Director of the N.Y. Museum of Fine Arts. He informed me that Sir Peter Coates, is the great cotton spinner- whose name on spools every lady is familiar with, and who was knighted by his Queen for his great munificence & public spirit, and particularly for his gift of \$500,000 to the City of Glasgow for a public park.

Visitors 475 Cats. 20 \$5.00 Photos. \$7.00

## March 6

Bright and genial.

Sent off pictures to J. H. Connell, Richmond as freight, by the Balt. & Potomac Rl. Road.

Sent complimentary card & catalogue to Col. Casq Comr. of Public Buildings, & to Major Geo. Elliott Engr. with a copy of the photo of "Mount Corcoran".

Sent by express to H. Wunderlich N. Y. his collection of old etchings- wrote to him. Mr Guillaume brought his flower-piece again, and a portrait of a dog. The change in the former is not what it ought to be: the calm but over-strong

- 39 blue sky, is changed to a dark showery one—with too much storm in it to harmonize with the exquisite flowers that should have a sky of repose. The Dog is admirable.

Visitors 80 \$16.75 Cats. 9 \$2.25

### March 7

Bright & very mild- too warm for an overcoat.  
Left with Mr Gibson his bill for alteration.

Letter from Hall & Garrison Phila. insisting that their bill for frame was reasonable.  
Wrote them & proposed a reduction of it—we to pay for the glass.

Pick-pockets are getting troublesome in the Gallery. I requested two suspicious persons to leave, which they did.

Mr Corcoran called. He does not like Guillaume's flowers yet. I showed Miss McClermont's pictures by a young house painter to Mr C. and I supposed, he declined the works of the Gallery. At his request I sent Mrs Maroney's letter to Mr Hyde, and keep the "Ecce Homo" here until further orders.

Visitors 595	Cats. 33	\$8.25	Photos. \$7.25
Night <u>397</u>	25	<u>6.25</u>	<u>3.00</u>
992		14.50	\$10.25

### March 8

Bright and very warm.

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing a letter from Mrs Horatio Greenough –widow of the sculptor, offering to sell to this Gallery pictures & sculptural works collected by her husband.

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L'Ami's "Yorktown" & "New Orleans" arrived.

The two French paintings- "Battle of New Orleans" and "Siege of Yorktown" arrived to-day by Knox's express. Got Mr Scott & Henry to set them up. There were badly rolled up, & cracked through to the canvass. There is much fine drawing & painting in them, but after all, they are far – far behind modern art. Mr McCarty called & was told about their condition. Painted by E. Lami, 1840.

Mr Taylor repaired the wire of one elevator.

Dr Jouy brought a lot of photographs.

**Messrs.** Shedd of Providence called.

Miss Hayes of N.Y. & Mr Burwell of Va. called & were greatly interested in the St. Memin prints.

Visitors 98 \$23.25 Cats. 13 \$3.25 Photos. \$1.50

**March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Brighter and warmer – almost summer heat.

Letter from Mr LeClear artist, asking the privilege of exhibiting his bust-portrait of Page the artist, in this Gallery. Wrote to him he could, at his expense.

Note from H. Wunderlich N.Y. acknowledging the arrival of his etchings in good order.

Mr McCarty called. He does not know when Mr Stearns will come here.

41 Mr Riggs & Mr Corcoran came and examined the  
Lami pictures. They admire the New-Orleans very much, & regret it being so cracked.  
Mr Corcoran advised me to let Mr Brown portrait painter place his portrait of Mr Mr  
Hayes (President) & Mr Andrews his portrait of Mrs Hayes ~~be placed~~ in the side Gallery  
opposite the Maud Howe portrait.

Rec'd note from Mr Bunce asking when the photo on wood of the Bierstadt will be sent.  
Sent to Mr Smilie & he says it will be ready on Monday afternoon.

An engraved portrait by St. Memin.

Dr Powell of Alexa. called with Mr Gregory of same place and ~~left~~ presented to the  
Gallery portrait by St. Memin of an unknown person, owned by Richard Stabler of Alexa.  
It will added to the collection.

Mrs McClermont called & stated her application in behalf of the young house-painter to  
Mr Corcoran.

Dr. Hall came in to-day after a week's absence for <. . > gout.

Dr Corning & requested price lists of the casts.

Visitors 745 Cats. 25 \$6.25 Photos. \$10.000

**March 10**

Bright & mild- though it rained last night.

Letter from A. O. Mason Galesburg Ill. enclosing money order for \$2.50 for "Marching Regiment", and asking if he could a photo of M. Angelo's "Last Judgement", by mail. Sent it with postal card.

**42 Mch. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Mr Corcoran sent here a portrait of himself on silk by Miss Taylor of this city.

Another finger broken off the ^mutilated^ hand of "Julia" – fortunately the finger did not disappear.

Mr Ulke sent up a sitting portrait of Secretary Schurz which was hung in the east side gallery; a good likeness, but brown and leathery.

Mr Corcoran called with a French lady. Dr Hall also was here with Miss Janny. Genl. Meig's called.

Sent to Morrison & got strong binders' board for photos.

Box received addressed to Mr Corcoran, containing a crayon portrait of him.

Visitors 58 \$13.00 Cats. 8 \$2.00 Photos. \$4.00

**Mch. 12**

Cloudy and cool—a pleasant change.

Letter from Dr Vaughan of Culpeper, thanking me for my courtesy & attention to him & lady-pupils when here, and requesting me to put a letter into Mr Corcoran's hands, myself.

Mr Blackford & friend called & examined the St. Memin engravings.

Mr Guillaume was sent for, & informed that Mr Corcoran did not like the sky of his picture. He took the work away again. Mr Corcoran has gone to Baltimore.

**43 Genl. Eaton & Mr Bartlett, lecturer on art at the normal schools Mass. event through the galleries. The former was delighted, particularly with the casts.**

Dr Hall, Dr Hill and Miss Jones came in. The latter was supplied with photographs.

Visitors 382 Catalogues 25 \$6.25 Photos. \$11.00

**March 13.**

Bright & mild after heavy rain last night. Peach trees are in bloom, & the willows are green.

Delivered to Mr Corcoran Dr Vaughan's letter, & was allowed to send him some photographs—Mr Corcoran gave me to reply to, Mrs Huggins letter from Darlington referring to the colored crayon portrait of him sent here, & executed by her daughter. I wrote the latter & sent it to him for signature.

Mr Bigman ^agent for^ London autotypes, called by request of Mr Riggs & left lists of the autotypes, some of which he will send here.

Mr called about Miss Carrington's vases. He will send for them.

Mr Andrews called, & will send next week here, several of his pictures for exhibition.

Visitors 62 \$15.25 Cats. \$2.75 Photos. \$15.75

#### 44 Mch. 14

Weather variable, showers & sunshine, cold winds and warm sunshine.

Printed circular from S. P. Avery N. Y. containing list of pictures at auction, belonging to Mr. Latham of California.

Miss Poseshe (copyist) left 2 crayon drawings, one to be hung at Mr Corcoran's suggestion in the E. Gallery.

Mr Bigmore, agent for B. F. Stevens, London, sent up 14 vols of books on Fine Arts for approval.

Mr Meade (sculptor) called, & showed a design for Monument to the late Senator Morton.

Mr McCarty, agent for Mr Stearns, called to see about the impression made by the Lami pictures.

Ordered from Webb, & Beveridge 3 dozen spittoons. 14 of them sent up.

Visitors 409	Cats 17	\$4.25	Photos \$4.00
Night 240	Cats. 16	4.00	\$4.00
649		\$8.25	\$4.00

#### Mch. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cloudy and cold.

Mr Corcoran called for me to go with them to the Spanish Minister's sale, to examine his pictures & found them ordinary copies of the Aurora, & Raphael's Madonnas.

- 45 Mr Corcoran, & Dr Welling called & ~~found~~ inquired about the papers, & communicated in reference to the award of \$125,000 for rent of the Gallery by Government.

W. Garl Brown's portrait of Prest. Hayes

Went with Mr W. Garl Brown artist, to see his portrait of President Hayes in the State Dining Room, of the Executive Mansion. The portrait is an admirable one—the position easy & the coloring rich & harmonious, I was surprised at the ability of the work. It is the artist's property, & is to be put in the East Gallery on Monday. —It is ten feet high in the frame.

Hung Guillaume's "Dog".

Mr Corcoran does not wish Miss Poeshe's pictures exhibited in the side Gallery, or any where but in the office. He is disgusted with the numerous portraits if himself badly executed thrust upon him, & applications for relief.

Mr Wiswell, agent for Forbes' etchings ^of^ War scenes, has left for Boston.

Rec'd from Mr W. T. Walters, bill for freight on Boughton's "Smokers".

Rec'd 2d Annual Report of the Trustees of the Art Museum Boston, & of the Penna Museum of Art.

Sent photo on wood of Mt. Corcoran & our photo on paper to Bunce.

Visitors 94 \$19.75 Cats. 11 \$2.75 Photos. \$4.25

### Mch. 16

Changeable with cloud, & sunlight – rather cloudy.

Dr Hunter called & shewed me Dr Vaughan's letter to Mr Corcoran, & requested me not to send to Dr D. the photos promised nor write to him, until Mr Corcoran returned from Annapolis.

- 46 Mr Clarke, Bureau of Education, called.  
Judge French (Treasy. Dept.) called and intimated a wish, of practicable, that the plaster-cast of his son's group for a Custom House in St. Louis, be exhibited here.--.

Mr Bigarmore called & stated he would be here for some days. He afterwards sent for them.

Genl. Burnside & Mrs came in for a few minutes.

Drs. Lincoln & Hall came in. I told Dr L. that Dr Corning (lecturer in Art) had stated that our Caryatid did not (as mentioned in the Catalogue) come from the Erectheum, but from the Pantheon. Dr L. said that in ^the^ Erectheum, there were but 6 columns- that in 1846 but four were standing – one having been taken to the British Museum by Lord Elgin,

and one had fallen into a ditch. This last was afterwards restored, and a new caryatid was made in lieu of the one taken away by Lord Elgin. It seems that Dr Corning was right, & the Catalogue wrong.

Ordered new envelopes headed & new note-paper plain from Boardman.

Visitors 790 Cats 25 \$6.25 P. \$ 8 2.25

**47 March 18**

Clear and cool--.

Dr Barbarin too unwell to appear to-day.

Rec'd course ticket, & ^2^ cards of admission to Dr Corning lecturer- acknowledged it.

Rec'd Catalogue of Culpeper Female Institute from Dr Vaughan, also a newspaper containing a sketch of his visit with his pupils to the city & Gallery, & a compliment to my courtesy to them.

At nine Mr Brown, artist, brought his full length portrait of Mr Prest. Hayes, which I had placed in the east Gallery, ~~opposite its~~ in front of its south entrance. It looks very fine.

Mr & Mrs. Potter of Pittsburgh Pa. here some two years ago, called & were delighted with the change in the galleries. Mrs. P. wishes to complete a small copy of Charlotte Corday.

Told Miss Poeshe of the objection made to placing her crayon pictures in the gallery.

Mr Norton of N. Y. came & told me that years ago he & Professor Morse had seen the Lami battle pieces when unrolled in a lumber-room in Paris—that Profr Morse pointed out many fine points in the pictures, and that archbishop killed in Paris in had sent Lami to this country, to study the scenery of each fight, & paint the subjects for him. Mr Norton also attended to the Charles XII pictures, & said he was authorized to sell it for \$2,500.

**48 Mr Riggs called for a few minutes.**

Visitors 64 \$16.00 Cats 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$5.75

**Mch. 19**

Bright, cool & beautiful.

Letter from J. H. Connell Richmond Va, complaining that one frame of his pictures had been ruined by the packer. Wrote him that it must have been injured in ~~pack~~ opening the box, as Mr Taylor says they were securely packed with screws.

Read my letter to Dr Vaughan to Mr Corcoran, & then sent it with photos for his art students.

Mr Corcoran informed that a gentleman in the north had written to him offering a miniature by Marlboro for \$800.

Tanetan Megata (Education Dept. Japan) called with a Music Teacher in the Boston schools, to examine the Japanese Musical Instruments.

A notice of Browne's Prest. Hayes & other novelties in the E. Gallery, I written by me, is in this morning's "Post", which gave it out as a portrait of Mr Hayes. That paper's political feeling against the President, is too bitter, and it annoyed me to find the alteration, as here we allow no party feeling to enter these walls.

Mr Andrews sent here his portrait of Mrs Hayes.

49 It is a good production, but has defects. It is placed in the side-gallery which now looks superb.

Mrs McClermont called about helping young Garner in painting.

Dr Hall brought a copy of resolutions prepared as substitute for Mr Hyde's about the admission of pictures—also a letter from Dr Corning asking an interview with the Trustees, to hear his suggestions for developing this Gallery.

Mr & Mrs Proctor called.

Visitors 525 Cats 25 \$6.25 Photos \$6.90

### March 20

Bright and pleasantly cool.

Mrs Porter came & commenced finishing her C. Corday.

Mr Corcoran called & expressed an interest about the Lami pictures, which he says can be had for \$1500. & perhaps less- he also referred to the Malbone miniature which is of Malbone himself.

Mr Clark of Interior Dept, came & introduced Mr of the Penn Museum of Art, Phila. The latter is here interested in having a modification of tariff made so as to pass free all objects declined for public art Institutions.

Mr Hyde brought a letter to Mr Corcoran from a Mr Brewster offering the Malbone portrait of himself in oils for \$800, also a card from Mrs. Maroney, asking to have her daughters portrait of him returned.

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Visitors 91 \$18.23 Cats 8 \$2.00 Photos. \$3.00

### March 21

Bright and pleasant – no need of a overcoat.

Webb & Beveridge sent up 22 spittoons which with those received before, complete the order -36.

Sent the portrait of Mr Corcoran back to Mrs Maroney, Camden S. Car.

Dr Hall called- Dr Jouy brought some Cordays.

Mr Riggs called & stated that there will be fine pictures at the sale in New York, 28<sup>th</sup>. - The Latham Collection. Mr Walters will be there.

At the night exhibition a lady on first entering the sculpture – hall uttered shrieks & seemed so overcome that a gentleman with her, had to support her & lead her out, but on getting to the stairway he recovered herself, & tripped up stairs gaily. She is supposed to have been shocked into hysterics by the sight of so many naked figures!

Visitors (Day) 610 Cats. 25 \$6.25 Photos. \$6.25

Visitors (Night) 344 Cats. 21 5.25  
954 46 \$11.50 \$6.25

### 51 March 22

Cloudy, & cool- like March weather.

Card invitation from New York to attend Latham collection sale.

Sent card of admission ~~of admission~~ on Sunday to Herman Schaus N. York- a picture dealer.

Mr Hyde demurs to supplying copyists of casts with tables &c.

Boardman & Co. has sent up 700 envelopes 12 x 16 in. & none of 18 x 23. He will correct the mistake.

Visitors 90 \$21.75 Cats. 16 \$4.00 Photos. \$6.50

### March 23

Bright and genial again- an extraordinary season- fruit trees in bloom, and park trees leafing.

Col. A. T. Lee U.S.A. called & rec'd copyist's card for copying in book Church's "Magdalena River". He admires Lami's "New Orleans" very much, and pointed out several proofs of the artist's knowledge of such a scene.

Mr Clemson of S. C. son-in-law of J.C. Calhoun called.

Messrs. Walters & McGuire came in and afterwards Mr Corcoran called. The former thinks that the casts in the vestibule ought to be near the "Napoleon" – and indeed they ought not, but where they can be moved? The antiques Gallery is too crowded now.

52 Mr W. saw Lami's New Orleans in Paris years ago,  
but though they are not bad, he evidently thinks the pictures of little account.  
Mr McGuire thinks that the "New Orleans" ought to be bought at a reasonable price for the Gallery.

Wrote to Hall & Garrison about the frame.

Visitors 755 Cats. 25 \$6.25 Photos. \$3.00

### March 24

Sunday. The warm weather of the past two months was broken up this day at 11 a.m. by a heavy rain from the west with thunder, succeeded by a northwester that increased towards midnight with rain, and a very cold temperature.

### March 25

Monday. Bright and very cold, with a regular March wind from the northwest. The thermometer this morning between 5 & 6 o'clock, stood at 22! There never was a more sudden change.

Letter from Ezekiel sculptor at Rome, stating that he had got the order ^from Mr Corcoran^ for the statues in the outside niches of this building. He proposes to do them all at at once. I am gratified that he has the order.

Mr Smilie bro took some new negatives of the "Gate" for Osgood & Co. Boston.

53 Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called, and soon after Mr Bancroft (historian) and Miss Tunstall. The latter hinted to me that Mr Ezekiel's announcement to me in his letter of having the order for the niche statues,  
was premature – I presume she has some hint of the matter from Mr Corcoran.

President Hayes & a friend ^called^ and expressed great satisfaction with his portrait by Brown. He is certainly very simple & unaffectedly affable in his address.

Col. A. T. Lee U.S.A. came & made a slight sketch from Church's Magdalena River. He shewed me several of his water-colors, which evince excellent drawing.

Visitors 51 \$10.25 Cats. 3 75cts. Photos. \$3.25

## **Mch. 26**

The cold snap.

Bright and milder- though last night was cold. It is reported from the country that the fruit trees are not hurt. The town-gardens have been severely nipped. The thermometer yesterday afternoon stood at 40, and at 11 p.m. was down to 31. At the north the cold was very severe, with heavy snows.

Sent to Mr Bunce Smilie's bill, & a description of the Mt. Corcoran for the Art-Journal.

Found the bases of the pedestals supporting the large vases in the vestibule, dangerously shrunk & they will be repaired to-morrow.

Mr Corcoran, Drs. Hall & Welling, & Mr Corning (lecturer) all met here. Mr Corcoran read a letter from Mr

54 Ezekiel in which the latter accepted the offer of Mr Corcoran to make all the niche statues for \$600. each. I read Mr E's letter to me to him, and he expressly disavowed having given the order to E. for he preferred to give the statues to different parties.

Mr Andrews sent up a genre picture-title not given.

Miss Turnstall brought a copy of the Lynchburg paper containing her letter about this Gallery. It is a brilliant spirited effusion, showing that she has a fine intellect, fancy, & command of language. She leaves to-morrow, & I am to send a lot of photographs.

I explained to Mr Corning the mistake in having his photo of Theseus (the back view) labeled Ilissus. It is strange he did not know better. It shows that after all he is but a superficial lecturer—popular no doubt.

Messrs Corcoran, Hall, Welling & Corning discussed the propriety of having a barrier in the picture gallery, constructed as a stand to show autotypes making the progress of painting & sculpture. The general opinion seemed to be that it might be practicable.

Dr Jouy brought a lot of photographs.

Visitors 415 Cats. 20 \$5.00 Photos. 9.25

**55     March 27**

Bright and mild.

Mr Taylor repaired the vase pedestals in the vestibule.

Building Committee assembled here at 11 a.m. to decide upon certain improvements. It was resolved that the Curator receive and report a plan and estimate for a rack-stand beneath the main stairway where articles can be stored temporarily or permanently: & that the copyists furnish themselves with trays or boxes to hold their copying instruments.

Mr McGuire called, also Mr Corcoran.

Mr Williams Director of the San Francisco Association called.

Mr Pratt brought a portrait of Mrs Greatorax by Toby Rosenthal S. Francisco, an Irish landscape by Mrs Greatorax, & a pen & ink sketch by that lady.

Thomas (fireman) covered the old temporary pedestals for the Vestibule Vases. Mr Taylor took away the new ones for repair- which will take several days. They are seriously injured.

Card from Mrs. R. E. Maroney Camden S. Ca. stating that she had not rec'd the Ecce Homo. she had written, & acknowledging with thanks Mr Corcoran's likeness as beautiful. It seems I sent Mrs. Huggins' daughter's portrait of him by mistake. Packed the Ecce Homo at once, to be sent tomorrow.

Visitors 70 \$15.00   Cats. 7 \$1.75   Photos

**56     Mch. 28**

Cloudy with rain, but very mild.

Letter from O.B. Bunce N. Y. enclosing \$6.86 for Smilie, but he does not think the photo on wood a success.

Letter from J. Lancaster, Manater Fla. proposing to sell two portraits by C.B. King, declined.

Sent by express to Mrs K. E. Mahoney S. C. her Ecce Homo, and a photo of Mr Corcoran, requesting her to return the framed portrait of Mr C.

Messrs. Barker &     came to make estimates for the shelf over the cellar stairs.

Rec'd a private letter from J. Durand London, giving his father's address, & in reference to his portrait of Crockett. Wrote to his father telling a flattering incident about his "Ariadne" in Scotland.

Dr Hall came & left a copy of rules about the pictures on exhibition for Mr Hyde to examine.

Visitors	305	Cats. 20	\$5.00	Photos \$9.00
Visitors (night)	<u>200</u>	Cats. <u>14</u>	3.50	<u>6.25</u>
	505	34	8.50	15.25

## 57 March 29

Bright and pleasant.

Mrs. Greateorex's portrait & landscape in E. gallery.

Rec'd from M.A.S. Pratt Esqr. the ~~copyist~~ signed regulations for exhibitors.

Mr Keenan submitted his bid for improvements ~~one~~ the cellar-stairs at \$178c Mr Barker for 186. The bids were given to Mr Hyde.

Mr Smilie left the bill against Appleton & Co. receipted.

Mr Champney called to ask permission to send on exhibition here a copy of his water-color portrait of "Lone Wolf" a Kiowa Indian captive in Florida.

Mr Hyde sent up Dr Hall's resolutions as amended and agreed to them.

Col. A. T. Lee called & showed a sketch. His conversation on his military experiences, are very entertaining.

Visitors 122 \$28.00 Cats. 16 \$4.00

## March 30

Mild and changeable from sun to shade.

Communication to Trustees rec'd from Elkington & Co. London, notifying that they have a reduced copy of "Cleopatra's Needle" on marble pedestal whole height 3 ft 6 in; hieroglyphics all authenticated – Price 10 guineas.

## 58 Revd. Mr Wilson & called & will bring a friend here to speak of the accuracy of the Lami picture of "New Orleans."

Dr Hall & Mr McGuire called.

Visitors 775 Cats. 30 \$7.50 Photos. \$11.40

**April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Bright and pleasant.

A new call for estimates of platform over cellar-steps issued by Building Committee.  
Messrs. Keenan & Young got copies of what is needed. Mr Keen put in a bid \$128.

Visitors 48 \$10.50 Cats. 8 \$2.00 Photos 50cts

#### **April 2d.**

Bright & mild.

Mr Smilie came & placed Venus of Milo for a negative.

Col. A.T. Wilson of Bureau of Education called for statistic of the Gallery.

Visitors 425 Catala 26 \$6.50 Photos \$1.00

#### **April 3**

Changeable but mild.

Went with Mr Bingham artist to see some of his pictures. He will send them in the  
autumn.

59 Mr Smilie took negatives of the "Milo" & "Wrestlers".

Mr Corcoran called and desired me to answer Mrs. McClermont appeal for \$25 for young  
Garner's supply of colors, by purchasing them to the amt of \$8.00. He is over-run with  
such appeals.

Mr Corcoran intimates that he had bought the Lami pictures to go to ~~N. Orleans, & York~~  
Louisiana & Virginia, & authorizes me to inquire of Barlow for what sum they can be  
well repaired.

Dr Hall called.

Mr Chamberlain sent in his bill \$21.75.

Visitors 56 \$14.00 Cats 4 \$1.00 P. \$4.25

#### **April 4**

Cloudy & threatening rain.

Dr Barbarin went home at 1 p. m. very unwell.

Got Mr Barlow to examine the Lami pictures. He will live & put them in complete repair  
for \$500 each, & patch them for \$100 each.

At Mr Corcoran's request bought box of oil-colors for young Garner for \$8.00. with some Academy board, which Mr Ryneal sent up.

Mr W. H. Holstead, Toledo, Iowa, writes for stereos.

Mr Barker sent up bid of \$68. for shelf.

Mr Corning called & requests privilege of storing his autotypes here. Granted – to be stored in the cellar by authority of Dr Hall.

- 60** Dr Welling called & wishes me to give him an hour in the galleries- to note down Mr Corcoran's original collection.

Day Visitors 480 Cats 16 \$4.00 P. \$4.50

Night Visitors 219 \$21.70 24 6.00 2.00  
699 \$21.70 40 \$10.00 \$6.50

### **Apl. 5.**

Bright and cool.

Letter from Hall & Garrison requesting me to state what reduction of price of frame I expect. Wrote him that he ought to reduce it to \$20.00.

Letter from Gen Eaton stating his thanks for Catalogue.

Sent to Mr Hyde bills from Mrs Chamberlin & Morrison.

Wrote to Mrs McClermont that I had a box of artist's material for George Garner, which I bought at Mr Corcoran's request. Mr C. came in and approved of what was done & paid the bill.

Mr Corcoran says Mr Kauffman has offered his "Columbus" for sale to the Gallery. I told him of Mr Barlow's estimate of the cost of repairing the Lami pictures, & Mr McElroy's charge.- all of which he thinks too high.

Mrs. McClermont called & was told the results- & will send for Garner's materials.

Mr Key artist called.

Visitors 39 \$9.75 Cats 4 \$1.00

- 61** **Apl. 6**

Changeable but mild.

Gave Mr J. M. Wilson ^Int. Dept^ amt of value of the collection of this Gallery, for publication, to go to Paris.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall called.

Mr Coolidge of Osgood & Co. called.

Mr Smilie sent over proofs of Venue of Milo & the "Wrestlers."- both excellent.  
Letter from Mrs Porter, Pittsburgh: photo of colors Talking Well rec'd.  
Mrs McClermont took away Garner's box of colors &c.

Mr Boardman sent up 198 large envelopes.

Visitors 502 Cats. \$5.00 Photos. \$3.00

## **Apl. 8**

Cool morning – warm afternoon.  
Dr Barbarin on duty.

Biographical Charts of Italian Painter

Profr. Henry brought here & placed on permanent deposite a work in 2 vols,  
"Biographical Charts of the Italian Painters of Various Schools- finely illustrated with  
photographic illustrations. Published by direction of the Melbourne Public Library, 1870.

Card from Robt. W. Lamb of inquiring if a life of Mr Corcoran is in the Catalogue, & if  
not, where could not he get one. Replied in the negative.

Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran called.

At 7 ½ p.m. the Board met, Dr Welling on the chair.

Dr Hall (Prest) coming in afterwards- Mr Corcoran- only members absent were Mr  
Walters & Profr Henry who is in very feeble health.

\$100. was voted for Contingent Fund to the Curator.

Rules for admission of pictures adopted – all preceding ones repealed.

Curator's letter about injury of "Fortune Teller", refd. to Comtte on Art.

Gibson & Co's appeal for back-claim referd. to Comtte on Accts.

Kauffman's offer of his "Columbus" for sale, declined.

Receipts of night-exhibitions over gas expressed, donated to W. Art Club.

Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>, to be ^the^ last night exhibition.

Visitors ~~350~~ ~~51~~ ~~\$46.10~~ 51 46 \$11.19 Cats. 6 \$1.50 ~~Photos. \$5.75~~

Mr Prescott, teacher of drawing, applied to be made Director or Instructor of Drawing in  
this Gallery. It was decided that the Gallery was not prepared to appoint a teacher now.

The Committee on Art are to order from Mr Ezekiel 4 statues for niches in upper front of  
the Building.

## **April 9**

Cloudy & warm in morning, heavy rain in the afternoon.



Saw Dr Lawson who said he would send to me or to Mr Corcoran, notes in reference to the meaning of the "Death of Moses."

Notified Mr Kauffman that the Board declined buying his Columbus.

Mr Smilie came. He wishes to keep the proof of Milo.

Occupied until noon with changing my residence.

Visitors 350 Cats. 19 \$4.75 P. 5.75

**63 April 10**

Raining.

Gave Mr Rowzee \$10.00 for the colored photo of Talking Well", for Mrs Porter.

Sent advertisement of last night exhibition to papers.

Note from Dr Samson, who called while I was away.

Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran came, & discussed the matter if statues of niches. Mr C. has written to Ezekiel, giving him the order for four statues, & wishes me to write him also.

The horrid likeness in crayon of Mr Corcoran arrived from Camden S.C. all safe. No letter nor acknowledgment of the photograph of Mr C.!

Visitors 47 \$11.00 Cats 9 \$2.25 P. \$2.00

**April 11**

Raining early, but bright & warm in the afternoon.

Letter from G. N. Brown, Mexico N. Y. enclosing 66cts. in stamps for "Napoleon", sent him price list, and asked which he preferred.

Wrote to Hall & Garrison for new bill of \$20.

~~A person~~ Mr wished to send over here for sale a picture by Oregon Wilson called "Woman's Devotion." Will decide to-morrow.

Mr. Corcoran, Dr. Hall, Messrs Hyde & Riggs called.

Rec'd from Mr Hyde \$2.00 for frt. on Lami pictures.

Wrote to Mr Walters about Sully's head.

Visitors 375 Cats 24 \$6.00 P. \$6.00

**64 April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Night exhibition – last of the season.  
Visitors 479 \$45.20 Cats. 32 \$8.00

### **April 12**

Bright & pleasant.  
F. B. McGuire & friends called.  
McElroy will replace glass in Milton frame \$2.25 – allowing \$1.00 for old.  
Visitors 52 \$10.50 Cats 8 \$2.00 Photos \$5.25

### **April 13**

Bright & pleasant.  
Mr Moran called & left directions for receiving his pictures when ready.

Judge French called about the “Maud Howe” portrait. I am to speak to Mr Corcoran about the purchase of it.

Mr Key called, & will write an application to the Board for purchasing for his “Golden Gate” or exchanging ours for it.

Miss Plimpton called with sample of painting & received card for copying.

P. Card from Mrs F. W. Heyward Oakley S.C. for Charlotte Corday. Wrote to know which size.

Dr Hall brought a letter to him from Mr Walters, resigning his membership of the Art Committee. He will be here on Monday at 2 p. m.  
Mr McElroy took away the frame for Milton Shield.

Visitors 575 Cats. 24 \$6.00 Photos \$1.00

### **65    Apl. 15**

Cloudy, rainy & cool.  
Letter from Clent Palmer Camden S.C. acknowledging receipt of Ecce Homo, & enclosing bill for \$2.50. Wrote him enclosing money, \$2.00 note, 50 cts in stamps.

Note from G. N. Brown Mexico N. Y. requesting copy of half-length photo of Napoleon. Sent it.

Rev. J. L. Corning brought his boxes of prints to be deposited in our ~~eer~~ east cellar. Gave receipt for them.

Sent to Mrs Porter, Pittsburgh, her small copy of "Corday", & wrote to her.

Mr Young began putting up platform for tables, &c in cellar.

Mr Guillaume came to examine the Lami pictures, & see what repair was necessary for them at Mr Corcoran's request. He will bring his flower-piece again to-morrow.

Mr J. R. Key called about his Golden Gate.

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came in. They inform me that nothing can be done with Mr Key's proposal and that \$500 would be the utmost sum to be offered for Porter's "Miss Howe". They intimate that now new member will be appointed in place of Mr Walters. Messrs. Walters & Riggs came.

Mr Fretche of Austin left photos of Malachite vases, for sale- \$750.

- 66 Mr Walters advised the prompt sending of the "Fortune Teller" to Mr Lazarus N. Y. Mr W. will sail for Europe on Thursday. He tells that the Idealhead by Sully, once hung in the lottery office in Baltimore.

Visitors 50 \$12.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00 P. 2.25

#### April 16

Cloudy & threatening rain: quite cool.

Sent unmounted photos of Venus of Milo (the new one) & of Ceres & Clytie cabinet size, to Mrs C. Lossing Tilden, 66 Case Av. Cleveland O. who ordered them as we were closing yesterday at 4 p. m. Wrote to her.

Wrote to Mr Lazarus (picture-restorer) New York under cover to Mr Avery (to get the former's address) notifying him of the repair needed to the "Fortune Teller.

Visitors 307 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 Photos. \$8.25

#### April 17

Bright and pleasant.

Mr Hyde left a letter from Dr Samson to Mr Corcoran, enclosing one for one in reference to the character and meaning of Cabanel's Death of Moses.

Gibson & Bros. sent up Rules for admission of pictures.

Genl. McCook ~~sent for~~ got sent for & got his portraits.

Mrs Neilson sent three crayon pictures framed for safe – price \$10.

- 67 Mr Key got a copy of Regulations for admitting pictures for Mr Williams, Boston, who wishes to exhibit two here.

Visitors 82 \$18.50 Cats. 12 \$3.00

### April 18

Bright and mild.

Letter from Miss Turnstall Va. with a copy of the Lynchburg paper containing her sprightly account of the Gallery.

Mr Corcoran called in my absence & left two photographs of the “Cumaeen Sybil” & the “Young Marsyas” from Elkin Vedder, Rome, sent over by Miss Welling – prices of each (\$300) marked on them, with sizes - 37 x 52 & 57 – also with them a small sketch of the Sybil in oil.

Mr Guillaume called & says he is engaged by Mr Corcoran to repair both Lami pictures for \$ 50. each to be at the Corcoran building.

Mr Hyde called & approves the arrangement of the platform over cellar-steps, wood work finished.

Letter from Mr Lazarus N. Y. saying he will repair the “Fortune Teller” when sent to him, approved, by Dr Hall & Mr Riggs.

Visitors 530 Catalogues 24 \$6.00

### 68 April 19

Bright & pleasant.

Letter from Wm2. Judge 71. Bdwy N.Y. wishes to sell six pictures- two of them Genl. Knox by G. Stuart (!) & DeLaunay ↑last↓ Govr. of the Bastile by Chardin. The fact that these pictures are in the same lot, assures me that the former is our old acquaintance sent here by Mrs Oaksmith N.C. as she owned the DeLaunay once in the possession of Horatio King of this city, in whose house I saw it. Wrote to Mr J. that the Trustees were not buying pictures now, and never old ones. Informed him of price of Catalogue.

Saw Mr Corcoran in reference to the photos. sent by Mr Vedder. The picture is to go to Mr John G. Butler, Annapolis Md. He does not think either subject is interesting. He also rec'd a letter from Mr Judge about the 6 pictures, and was satisfied with what I had written in reply.

Sent off the "Fortune Teller" to Mr Lazarus and wrote to him.

Sent photographs to Miss Tunstall, Lynchburg Va.

Mr Andrews wishes to place his picture of Martha Washington on exhibition here, and has taken away his Leonie.

Letter from Mr Porter, Pittsburgh, enclosing 40 cts in stamps for freight on picture.

Visitors 55 \$13.50 Cats/ 6 \$1.25

**Apl. 20.**

Bright and warm.

Had to leave the office at noon from indisposition.

Saw Dr Hall and he advises that discrimination be used in ordering the removal of pictures on exhibition.

Mr James called to request privilege of sending again here Baker's portrait of Profr. Shepherd, and also a "Magdalen" by Placido Costanzi.

Mr Corcoran called & left 2 plates & cups & saucers beautifully painted by a young lady, which he wishes to have put on exhibition in the Gallery, & noticed in the papers, also som photos of Italian pictures sent over by Miss Welling, Rome.

Visitors 550 Cats. 21 \$5.25 \$3.25

**Apl. 22**

Bright & warm- the season is 3 weeks in advance of its usual temperature, & growth of vegetation.

Letter from Mrs C. L. Tilden, Cleveland O. enclosing \$2.00 for the photos. sent to her, & \$1.00 for a large Napoleon, also asking to let her know when other Statuary photos are issued. Have written to know which view ^of Napoleon^ & also that we have issued.

Mr Corcoran came & stated that the porcelain was painted by a Miss **Taimahill** of Va. They (the plates & cups) were placed in the Bronze Hall.

**70** Mr Guillaume is to take the Lami pictures to the Corcoran Building to repair them, room no. 15.

Judge French requested Porter's pictures to be sent back to him. Had them taken down & packed Mr French's portrait of Martha Washington to be sent to his father's house.

Went with Mr Andrews & saw his unfinished full length picture of Martha Washington in full dress. Good in many respects so far!

Sent copy of Lists of Photographs to J.G.W. Bronson Chicago in reply to postal card.

Mr Taylor took down & rolled the New Orleans picture.  
Visitors 83 \$18.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00 Photos. \$6.40

**Apl. 23d.**

Bright and warm.

Letter from Mr Lazarus N. Y. "Fortune Teller" had arrived, & Mr L. will repair it for \$40. Sent him word to do so, as approved by Dr Hall.

Mr Maginness of Louisville Industrial Exposition called. Will send photographs in August.

Mr James sent up Baker's Profr. Shepherd & the "Magdalen"- both in the upper gallery.

Went to see Mr Moran's pictures of Ponce de Leon in Florida and found it a very fine work. Have sent word to Mr Barlow to send it up to-morrow.

**71** Mr Taylor took the Lami pictures to the Corcoran Building for Mr. Guillaume.

Miss Norcross took away her life-studies in oil.  
Visitors 350 Cats. 12 \$3.00 Photos. \$4.00

**Apl. 24**

Cloudy with a warm south wind threatening rain.

Sent ^to^ Judge French's house his son's portrait by Mr Taylor, who also took my copy of "Sunday Morning in Auvergne" to Boardman's & Co.

Notified Mrs Joseph, J. May of the request of the Board that Princetean's portrait of "Washington on horseback" (which was brought here through her agency, be removed. Sent her a copy of the Rules lately issued by the Board.

Mr Corcoran called & on asking him about the Sully Ideal Head, said explicitly it was bought by the Gallery.

Moran's picture of the Discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon in came at 3 ½ p. m. and was hung by Mr Taylor in the S.W. Gallery.

Visitors 87 \$20.50 Catalogues 10 \$2.80

**Apl. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Cool & cloudy after heavy rain last night.

72 Moran's "Ponce deLeon" does not look well where it is. I must change it to the side gallery. Rec'd a postal card from him, which I answered, enclosing a copy of the new Rules.

The Carpenter reports the platform finishes as per contract.

Mr. Corcoran called & said he had not yet decided ~~up~~ about the Sully head—not having seen Mr Riggs yet. He will send for Mrs Eustis portrait in a few days.

Removed the "Ponce de Leon" to the side gallery. Its finished details require it to be near to the eye, & therefore that Gallery does not prove too narrow to see it well, & the light is very fine upon it.

Rec'd a delightful note from the gifted Miss Turnstall acknowledging the photographing & asking for a catalogue. Sent her one, & wrote to her.  
Visitors 350 Cats. 15 \$3.75 Photos. \$3.00

**April 26<sup>th</sup>.**

An April day of sun and shade.

Note from Gebbie & Barrie asking for a new catalogue. Sent one, & a postal card, naming price.

Mr Hyde brought a note to Mr Corcoran ~~to Mr.~~ from Miss Woodbury (copyist) requesting the use of a pedestal on which to place a cast.

Wrote to B. C. Porter artist, Boston, asking for receipt on arrival of his pictures.

73 Saw Mr Guillaume at work on the Lami pictures.

Letter from Mrs. Tilden Cleveland O. asking me to select the view of Napoleon I prefer. Sent it.

Visitors 60 \$15.00 Cats. 8 \$2.00 P. \$2.00

**Apl. 27**

Bright & warm.

Note from H. W. Daniel, Boston, for a Corday, enclosing a postal for reply. Sent it.

Mrs. ^Joseph^ May called in answer to my note, & states she has written to New York for instructions about Princetan's, Washington.

Mr. Smilie called while I was out, & Dr Barbarin directed him to Mr Andrews studio.

Miss Simmons applied for leave to copy paintings, & left a specimen-.

Wrote to Mrs Hayes N.Y. 152. U. 14<sup>th</sup> St. & to Jas. B. Philp 2004 14<sup>th</sup> st. N.W. of this city, to remove their pictures- enclosing new rules.

Letter from Mrs. C. G. Stark, 592 Milwaukee st. Milwaukee, Wis. asking prices of Corday & Lost Dogs, & enclosing postal. Answered also a letter from Dr. M. A. Wilson 258 W. 39<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y. asking if his brother's (Oregon Wilson) picture of "Woman's Devotion" is exhibited & if so, upon what terms.

- 74** Mr Sullivan (house-painter) called, & will be able to do some work in panting casts, a week hence, heavy rain in the afternoon.  
Visitors 425 Cats. 28 \$7.00 Photos. \$5.75

## **Apl. 29**

Monday. Cool & bright after a hailstorm yesterday- no leaks in the galleries, nor water in the cellar.

Note from Gebbie & Barrie enclosing 25ct. note.

Communication for Messrs. Hall, Cooke, McGuire and Matthews (Trustees) Malachite firm of Hoessrich & Woerful 810. Chestnut St. Phila.

"Woman's Devotion"

Saw Col. Audenreid at the War Dept. and got some information about Oregon Wilson's picture. It seems the dying soldier was studied from a Mr Ingram now living, and the woman bending over him is also taken from a living person.

Wrote to Dr Wilson and enclosed copy of the Rules.

Mr Corcoran called, & approved admission of the above picture.

Mr Worthington of Georgetown called. He surprised me by his criticism upon Moran's Ponce de Leon, the trees of which he insists as an old residenter of Florida, are utterly like the timber of that state. He says that the live oak is black in bark, grows up straight, has enormous boughs, & that none of the trees represent the bark of Florida timber, &



75 that the fallen ~~birch~~ is utterly absind, as that tree is not known there. If this be so, the  
prospect of selling  
the picture is a poor one.

Miss Darrell asked for 6 tumblers, and wants the lady copyists to remove their things so  
as to allow the floor of their wash-room to be cleaned. Gave directions for the latter, &  
sent Mr Martin to get the former from Webb& Beveridge.

Visitors 61 \$12.00 Cats. 12 \$3.00 P. \$3.00

### **Apl. 30**

Bright & cool.

Came at ½ past ten- being very unwell- too much so to remain long.

Sent off to Hall & Garrison Phila. a check for \$20. enclosing their bill to be receipted.

Rec'd Catalogue of Exhibition of Penn. Academy of Fine Arts 1878.

Postal cards from T. Moran, Newark, & from C.B. Norton N. Y. stating that he had sent  
me two curious photographs, previously alluded to.

Mr Bierstadt called, & will come to-morrow to touch over his picture of Mt. Corcoran.  
He introduced a Mr Sissolius (?) of Columbus O. who is the Mr Corcoran of that place, &  
intends to build up there an Art Institution.

Dr Jouy left Photographs.

Visitors 400 Cats 16 \$4.00 P. \$8.00

### **76 May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Bright & lovely weather.

Note from H. W. Daniell, Boston, enclosing 12cts. stamps for postage on photo of  
"Corday" sent to him.

Note from Mrs. F. W. Heyward, Oakley S.C. enclosing \$2.25 for large Corday & 12 cts.  
postage in stamps. Mailed it, & will write to her.

Rec'd two photos. of the Lami battle-pictures from Mr C.B. Norton N. Y. acknowledged  
them.

Mr M.A. Moore, artist from Hartford Conn. called to offer for sale a Rock Study, which  
he sent up for exhibition – price \$275.

Saw Mr Andrews' "Martha Washington"- perhaps it may be brought up to this gallery for  
exhibition.

Visitors 67 \$16.00 Cats. 6 \$1.50 P. \$4.25

**[May 2d.]**

Another bright June-like day.

Receipt from Hall & Garrison for \$20.

Wrote to Mrs Heyward S.C. stating photo of Corday was sent.

Mrs. S. L. Williams N. Y. called with request for the Gallery to subscribe to D. Appleton & Co's reprint of the English edition of the Turner Gallery (with the English engravings) to be completed in 40 parts, 50cts each. Dr Hall coming in readily subscribed for the Gallery of Art, with the understanding that if the work was not taken by the Gallery, he would take it.

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Dr Jouy's bill \$91.25 certified to, and orders given for 50 copies each of Lost Dogs, & Drove at the Ford- 25 each of Sculpture Galleries, Greek Slave & -- the last stereoscopic.

Sent postal to Mr Daniell, Boston, to know if he had rec'd the "Corday."

Mrs May sent a note to have "Princetean's Washington" sent by steamer to ~~Wash~~ New York. She will pay all expenses if necessary.

Wrote to Mrs Neilson 806. 17<sup>th</sup>. St. that her picture is declined.

Miss Eustis called & said a Mrs. Adams wished to leave here some drawings from the old masters and brought a letter from Miss Tannehill of Tenn. requesting to have her name correctly spelt on the card.

Mr McElroy brought the frame for the "Milton Shield". It looks much improved. Bill \$6.25.

Visitors 377 Cats. 26 \$6.50 P. \$3.50

**78 May 3**

Bright and warm.

Mr. Taylor took down & packed the Washington by Princetean.

Mr Bierstadt called & will come at six a. m. tomorrow to go over & soften his Mt. Corcoran.

Mr & Mrs. Andrews called. He is to send his Martha Washington over here as soon as the frame is completed. They leave Washington next week previous to visiting Europe in June. Mr Smilie is to photograph his new picture.

Mrs. Neilson sent for & got her triple landscape.

Mr Moore took away his "Rock Study".

Mr Corcoran called & gave me dates about the ~~first~~ origin of his private gallery, & this Institution.

Wrote to Miss S. E. Smith, Salem, requesting removal of picture.

Sent Postal Card to Dr Wilson N. Y. in answer to letter May 2d.  
Visitors 67 \$15.75 Cats. 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$1.00

#### **May 4**

Bright and cooler.

Mr Taylor set up the Milton Shield in the Bronze Hall where it has a fine effect. The Japanese Bowl was removed to the South end over Mr Corcoran's bust.

Mr Corcoran called & approved admission of Mr Bierstadt on Sunday to go over his picture, the weather (cloudy)

79 this morning preventing him from doing it.

Genl. Cesnola the Cyprian explorer, spent some hours here this morning. This conversation was very entertaining.

John Mann presented his bill \$6.00 for cleaning cellar.

Visitors 350 Catalogues 23 \$5.75 P. \$13.25

#### **May 6**

After rain storms of yesterday, a bright & pleasant day.

Mr Adams 1501 H. St brought a list of Drawings by Old Masters, which are to be sent for on Wednesday next & deposited here until his return from Europe.

Note from Mr Daniell Boston, stating that the Corday had reached him, but doubled up by breaking of the board, wishes two unmounted copies, which I sent, with a note.

Letter of 27<sup>th</sup> April, sent to Mrs Hays, returned, being incorrectly addressed. Wrote to her again.

Wrote to Mr Smilie to come tomorrow to photograph Martha Washington, which Mr Andrews will send up.

Sent of Princetean's "Washington on Horseback" of J. L. Riffard 42 Vesey St. N. Y. & sent bill for packing by Williams \$5.00.

Visitors 30 \$7.50 Cats. 6 \$1.50 P. \$6.00

**80 May 7**

Bright & cool after a slight early shower.

Dr Barbarin came for a short time, but had to go home his health seems much broken.

Gave Thomas as \$1.00 for sawdust.

Sent for Chamberlin to clean sky-light.

Mr Andrews sent up his "Martha Washington" & portrait of Master Moore- placed the former in the S.W. Gallery, & though unframed, it looks grandly.

Mr Poindexter brought up Mr W. T. Richards Marine which is far better than his water-color pictures, price \$1,000.

Mr Valentine sculptor from Richmond was introduced by Mr Guillaume. A very pleasant gentleman, interested in the St. Memin portraits.

Mr Power, that cast in bronze the Houdon cast of Washington called & exhibited photos of his work. He objects to the sharp wrinkles in Mills' bust.

Dr Hall, and Mr McGuire called.

Mrs. Hughes offers loan to the Gallery several old pictures & a bust of her by Powers.

Visitors 385 Cats. 18 \$4.50 \$3.00

**81 May 8**

Bright & very warm.

Letter from Henry H. Clements Heraldic Bureau, 9 Murray St. for Harriet Usher, offering a portrait of Geo. Washington Parke Custis by Waldo. for \$75.

Chamberlin's men to clean

Mr Chamberlin's men came to clean skylights at 11 a. m.

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from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Mr Smilie came & took a photograph of Martha Washington, but it was not a success.  
Dr Barbarin from illness.  
Visitors 51 \$12.00 Cats. 5 \$1.25

### May 9

Somewhat cloudy but mild. Dr Barbarin absent from illness.  
Mr McElroy brought frame for "Martha Washington". Mr Smilie took another negative  
of the picture a success. Got Mr Taylor to set it up, Mr Smilie will give me a proof.  
Genl. Emory & McCook came & admired the painting very much. It is excessively  
pleasing.

Mr Turk is to send a picture by Bradford for exhibition.  
Mr Hyde called with a letter from who had offered to sell a Rembrandt for \$25. & says  
he has received it from Mr Hyde. We know nothing about it.

Wrote an answer in French to the Baroness Roger de Livry's offer to sell her collection of  
cameos & intaglios.  
Note from H. W. Daniell acknowledging unmounted photo.

Dr Hall called, also Mr Louis Bagger who has a statue of Innocence in marble, to keep  
while hi is away, also a bust.  
82 Mr Andrews left on temporary deposite a Child's Head by Kraus of Berlin, also a  
photograph of a Madonna by same artist.  
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Visitors 325 Cats. 15 \$3.74 P. \$3.50

### May 10

Bright and cool.

Letter from Mrs. Wm. J. Hays N.Y. requesting to remove the "Bison at bay."

Mr Corcoran & Miss Eustis called. Mr. C. wishes Mr Adams' Drawings to be placed in  
the corner galleries. They think that Martha Washington is too short in the legs! The  
Sully Ideal Head he says is ours. Miss Eustis left a common colored lithograph "Too bad  
to men" full of humor, representing a cobbler looking at an old pair of shoes brought by a  
peasant-woman who looks dismayed at the hopeless opinion of the cobbler. Mr Corcoran  
wishes me to show it to Dr Hall as a rare old print of great value, & leave it to him (Mr  
C.) to solve the mystery!

At Mr Corcoran's request wrote to Mr Le Clear artist N.Y. to call & see the Parke Custis  
portrait by Waldo, and report to me, his opinion of it.

Dr Blake & Mr Dufour called.

83 Mrs. Corcoran (from Baltimore) and Miss Jones called. They disagree with Miss Eustis about the short legs of Martha Washington, though they think the dress is too modern. Gave to Mrs C. a list of photos got her to mark those she has not. Will give her & Miss J what they have not.

Visitors 87 \$18.50 Cats. 9 \$2.25 P \$5.00

### **May 11**

Bright & cold with a brisk breeze from northwest. No fire, and the room too cold without an overcoat. Dr Barbarin still too ill to appear.

Put manuscript for memoir of St. Memin in the hands of Gibson & Bros.

Some gentlemen called to sell an old master. Declined.

Mr McGuire & Mr Corcoran called. The latter expressed contempt for the Adams' Drawings, and offered to give us 300 better ones, which was accepted.

Dr. Hall, Clark Mills, Dr Hill called.

Miss Smith, Salem Mass, writes that she will consult with Mrs Fox, about removing her Comre Morris.

Visitors 455 Cats. 12 \$3.00 P. \$5.00

### **84 May 13**

Bright & cool. The weather for 48 hours past has been cold enough for fires. This morning at 5 o'clock the thermometer stood at 42°.

Note from Dr Barbarin stating his inability to attend here, by order of his physician, on account of debility.

Profr Henry's death.

It is stated to-day that Professor Henry, Trustee is dying from Bright's disease. He died at noon to-day, in his 81<sup>st</sup> year.

Printed slip rec'd from Rochester (anonymous) containing notice of Maldarelli's Great Painting of "A Pompeian Bath".

Mr Hyde shewed me a letter from Mr Ezekiel to Mr Corcoran signifying his acceptance of the order for the four statues for the outside niches.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 48 \$12.00 Cats. 6 \$1.50

## May 14

Cool and raining hard- a fire indispensable. Dr Barbarin absent.

Profr Henry's death yesterday has created a profound sensation. I sent out called for a meeting of the Board of Trustees at 2 o'clock p. m. Dr Welling to present suitable resolutions. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month last year, Profr Henry presided at a meeting of the Board called to pay honors **or** to the memory of Mr Carlisle, its late President, what will another year bring forth?

Letter from my friend E. Suwerkrop London, accompanying one from H. Koekkoek, Hine Art Gallery London calling attention of this Gallery to certain pictures he has for sale.

Mr Corcoran brought a copy of ~~Gen Birney's lecture on~~ ^Geo Warren's essay on Decoration^ Art.

Meeting of the Board

The Board met at 2 p. m. Mr Corcoran was present & the following Trustees, Dr J. C. Hall & Dr J. C. Welling, Messrs. Riggs, Hyde, Matthews, McGuire & Cooke. Dr Welling reported suitable resolutions of respect to Professor Henry, which were adopted & copies sent to the morning papers.

The funeral is to take place on Thursday, May 16. & the Board & officers of the Gallery will attend. After the meeting Mr Corcoran made some amusing references to the obituary notices over himself years ago.

Visitors 166 Catalogues 12 \$2.97 P. \$1.00

## May 15

Heavy rains last night & to-day from north-east.

Note from Dr Barbarin. He is still too ill to attend.

Dr Maynard & friend, Mr Cleveland, called he knows Mr H. Adams well, & admires the Drawings left here by the latter.

Dr Hall brought yesterday a letter from S. H. Kauffman Esq. enclosing Art Club's resolution of thanks for the \$250, handed to them by the Trustees.

Note from Mrs F. W. Heyward Oakley S.C. enclosing 36cts in stamps, excess in postage over what I put on the photo.

- 86 Mr Corcoran called I read him proof of the St. Memin brochure, and he suggested a few additions. He liked it extremely.

Note from Miss Hunter (Louise Home) requesting Thomas to come there & show her fireman how to manage furnace.

Visitors 35 \$8.75 Cats. 4 \$9.00 P

### May 16

Gallery closed to-day to the public.

Prof. Henry's Burial

The funeral of Professor Henry, Trustee took place at 4 ½ p. m. & was largely attended. He was buried in Oakhill Cemetery, Georgetown.

Dr Barbarin is still ill.

Came to the Gallery at the usual time, & saw Genl. McCook (in charge of the funeral arrangements) and got him to assign seats in the church for the Trustees & Officers of this Gallery. Remained in the Building until 3 p. m. & then attended the funeral. While here several persons called by permission of Mr Corcoran & were allowed to examine the collection. Mr Corcoran came in. He is very particular in requesting one member of the Janitor's family to be in charge, even on holidays.

I shall miss Profr Henry very much, for in his visits to the Gallery with friends & alone, he was ever pointedly courteous & pleasant. He aided the interests of the Gallery much by transferring ^here^ the Quizot portrait by Healy & other works from the Smithsonian Institution on permanent deposite.

- 87 **May 17**

Cloudy, raw & somewhat rainy.

Dr Barbarin is still ill with pneumonia.

Visitors 52 \$13.00 Cats. 13 \$3.25 P. \$3.00

### May 18

Bright and pleasant at last.

Dr Barbarin is confined to his bed.



Letter for Mr Corcoran from Baltimore.

Dr Hall coming in observing the two gallery-keepers away from their posts, & at the Janitor's desk, admonished them against the habit, & will sign some orders I will draw up for their observance.

Chamberlin's men finished cleaning skylights.

Visitors 525 Cats. 17 \$4.25 P. \$1.50

### **May 20**

Rainy cool weather yesterday afternoon a northeast storm and cold enough for a fire.

Gave the resolutions in memory of Profr. Henry to Mr Hyde who will have them copied & send them in a letter to the family.

Sent proof of Description of St. Memin portraits to Gibson. Ordered 300 copies—to cost \$7 ½.

Got Mr Taylor to ease the windows over the privy of the Ladies Room.  
Dr Hill came in.

Dr Tyler & reported Dr Barbarin better. He has bronchitis.

Sent to the Appleton's Journal & Evg. Post, Dr Tyler took away a copy of the Italian writing by Raphael on the reverse of one of Mr Adams' pictures.

Visitors 47 \$11.75 Cats 3 \$ 75cts P

### **May 21**

At last a bright warm day. A year ago, the thermometer stood at 95!

Note from Mr Le Clear artist, stating that he is here, & will be in the gallery to-day perhaps, ere going to Justice Miller (a sitter). He reports favorably about the Custis portrait- that it is all good above the hands and figure.

Letter from Mr Valentine, sculptor, Richmond, enclosing a photo of his bust of Comre. M. F. Maury—the “Virginia Humboldt” from life, and complimenting me highly upon the style of the catalogue, with some interesting references to Lubke's books on art.

A gentleman called in behalf of Mr Elder artist, to see if the Gallery would possibly buy his portrait of Com M.F. Maury, if he altered it. Expressed my doubts about it, but said he could apply by letter, and in the meanwhile advised him to remove the picture hence.

Miss Cooper called, & said she would resume her work on the Corday to-morrow.

- 89 Mr E. Bounsand of the Georgetown College called  
by request of Dr Tyler to interpret if possible the verses written by Raphael across a  
sketch of x a draped figure. Mr B. is puzzled about the words “elleria” and “Voglia”  
and finds it hard to get at the meaning of the lines which run thus as a sonnet:

“Or gusto credo ben che una elleria  
Te offende tauts che te offese il cove;  
Perche sei grande non sei in tua volia;  
Tu vedi e gia non credi il tuo valore;  
Passate gia son tutte gelosie;  
Tu sei di sasso, non ai piu dolore.”

Mr B. says he will attempt to find out the meaning.

Dr Tyler called: thinks Dr Barbarin better but very weak.

Mr Le Clear came in. He thinks the Custis portrait excellent, & in good condition for a  
bust size picture- the lower part being inferior. Mr Le C. admires the change in the  
Picture Gallery, & Bierstadt’s Mt. Corcoran, which he says is one of the finest pictures in  
the country. His portrait of Mr Page will be along here to-day or to-morrow.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss ~~Cus~~ Lee and Miss Robinson. He shewed me a letter from  
Miss Welling, and wished to get a certain description of Vedder’s photographs which he  
says, he left with Dr Barbarin.

Visitors 330 Cats. 12 \$3.00 Photos \$4.00

## 90 May 22

Bright, breezy in the morning—calm in the afternoon.

Mr Corcoran called. In excellent health.

Mr Smilie called & said the proofs of the Martha Washington ~~porta~~ photograph had been  
sent to Mr Andrews.

Miss Snead—“Miss Grundy” of the papers, called.

Visitors 48 \$12.00 Cats ~~40~~ 5 \$1.25

~~Visitors 375 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 Photos. \$3.00~~

## May 23

Cloudy & cool & rainy.

Nothing of importance.

Mr W. H. Baldwin, Youngstown O. wishes to have a "Corday" sent to him-- & paid for on arrival.

Dr. Hill, Messr. Hyde & Matthews called.

Mr Le Clear artist, called. He is ~~not~~ unwell. Wishes to meet Mr Corcoran.

Mrs Semple (daughter of President Tyler,) from the "Louise Home" called to see about having exhibited here, a copy from an old master, of a picture of "Vanity. She is to write to the owner, to send it at her expense.

Visitors 375 Cats. 18 \$4.50 Photos \$3.00

## 91 May 24

Showery & warm in the morning. Bright afternoon.

Did not come to the Gallery until 1.p.m. & left at 2 p.m. to read a paper on this Gallery at the Franklin school, where the pupils' drawings are to be examined.

Visitors 41 \$10.25 Cats. 5 \$1.25 Photos. \$1.00

## May 25.

Cloudy & warm in morning. Bright afternoon.

Dr Barbarin writes me that he is still confined to his bed.

Saw Dr Hall still housed with gout, though better.

Saw editor of "Star" about publishing to-day, my yesterday's address. Was disgusted with the Republican's report of it- making me say that the Bronze Hall contained 21 pieces of Britannia ware – instead of Ceramic ware!

Mr Corcoran came in, expressed a wish to meet Mr Le Clear. He demurred to my report in my address—of the value of his private Gallery, whereupon I sought the editor, & had it corrected to \$100,000.

Dr Jouy sent down 25 Cordays & 10 "Vestals".

Card from A. S. Merritt to the "President of Corkins Art Gallery, asking for "Lost Dogs" pay for which to be remitted immediately—Sent a card naming price & postage.

Sent a Corday to W. H. Baldwin, Youngston, O. unpaid.

Letter from J. H. McCauley, Chambersburg Pa asking ^for^ the hours of admission to the Gallery, as a party of excursionists on 13<sup>th</sup>. June will be here.

Gibson & Bros. sent up 300 copies of notice of the St. Memin Portraits - \$7.50.  
Visitors 425 Cats. 11 \$2.75 Photos \$5.00

### **May 26<sup>7</sup>**

Bright and pleasant.

Mr Pillings came by order of Thompson to take away the "Dog" picture by Guillaume.

Sent 12 St. Memin notices to Mr Corcoran.

The "Star" had full report of my address upon the Gallery, & it seems to be highly commended.

Mr Le Clear's portrait of Mr Page, artist, & a bust in plaster of Mr Le C. by arrived to-day.

Mr Wyeth brought an ^old^ picture of "Triumph of Catholicity"- with a gift background- wished me to find out by what master painted.

Dr Hall called- the first time since the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Visitors 43 \$10.75 Cats. 5 \$1.25

### **93 May 28**

Bright and mild.

Mr Adams called to examine & compare reports of gas-expenses of this building this year & last year in order to test the saving by his attachment to the meter. It seems that ~~an~~ a saving of about 12 dollars was effected- not more than half of what he had said would be the case. Took the condition of the meter to-day, for will take it a week hence, 921,000. Got Mr Taylor to repair the revolving easel.

Mr Corcoran a bundle of copies of Gen. Birney's Lecture on Industrial Art.

Dr Powell of Alexa. came & I gave him a copy of the description of St. Memin Portraits, but found I had mistaken Dr Gregory as the donor of the ~~I~~ unnamed 819<sup>th</sup> portrait. Dr Powell presented it.

Mr Corcoran called & authorized me to order to "Custis" portrait to be sent on.

Mrs. Wm. J. Hayes writes me to send Bison at Bay as freight to Museum of Nat. History 77<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Av. N.Y. care of Profr A. S. Bickmore. Will send tomorrow.

G.W. Grouner left a portrait of President Pierce for sale.

Visitors 330 Cats 14 \$3.50

**May 29**

Bright and quite cool.

94 Mr Hyde sent up a letter from Mr Ezekiel, sculptor Rome, to Mr. Riggs acknowledging the receipt of the order for the niche statues, asking if Durer is to be one of them, and proposing a certain sum in advance. Also with this letter is a copy of Got Mr Taylor to take down & box the Bison at Bay for transfer to N.Y.

Mrs Easton called to see if Mr Corcoran would buy a portrait ^of^ Sir J. Reynolds by Benjamin West, 1775.

Mrs. R.L. Phillips called in behalf of the Ladies Art Association ^N.Y.^ for a supply of photographs. Will send them, as it is a permanent organization. 350. Broadway N.Y.

Mrs. Morrell artist called to know if she could place on exhibition her copy of Couture's "Decadence de Rome" 14 ft long. I referred her to the Art Committee. Mr Riggs consents to admitting it at once to the Gallery, & I have written to Dr. Welling for his consent.

Dr Hall called, & will direct attention of the Street Commissioner to the trees in front of the Gallery, that are badly bruised for want of straps.

Mr. Corcoran came in & left a draft for Mr Bierstadt if he calls- also wished a "Star" containing my address given to Dr Hunter.

Visitors 58 \$14.50 Cats. 7 \$1.75 P. \$2.50

**95 May 30**

Bright & warm- Decoration Day.

Ulke's Henry.

Mr Ulke sent up his portrait of Profr. Henry & I hung it in the east gallery—also placed there the portrait of Mr Page by Le Clear.

Mrs. Easton called again about her picture. It is a portrait of Sir John Reynolds a Virginian who went to London- was a banker there- knighted by George 3d- married the sister of Lord Arbathnot, & was father to the Reynolds family of Va. It was painted in 1775 for 100 guineas.

Sent word to Mr Conner, to take away his portrait of Prest. Pierce.

Sent off "Bison at Bay" & frame to Mrs Hays, & wrote to her enclosing bill of expenses on them, & Rl. Rd Rect.

Mr Hyde sent up letter from Mr Barry supervisor of Teachers of Public Schools of Drawing to Mr Corcoran, with a certificate from Walter Smith State Director of Normal schools of Art in Massts. requesting to be employed in the Academy of Art, designed by Mr Corcoran.

Mr Bagger will send up his statuary for exhibition & a picture to-morrow.

Visitors 305 Catalogues 8 \$2.00 Photos. \$1.00

## 96 May 31

Bright & very cool.

Mrs Easton called, & left address (Herald Office N.Y.) when I write to let her know about the picture Cert.

Miss Strong called & stated she had a picture to send up for exhibition here.

Mr Le Clear called. Has been ill. Tells me his bust is to go over to Professor Henry's. Mr Corcoran came in, & I introduced them. I am to signify to Mrs Easton, that her picture is unacceptable. Mr Hyde directs me to issue the call for the next meeting on Monday at 12 o'clock, & state that ~~the~~ it will be adjourned until the next day Tuesday, same hours Mr Corcoran will be away on ~~Tuesday~~ Monday.

Mr Hyde sent up a letter from a Mr Habersham Ga. to Mr Corcoran, requesting a purchase of a picture and from Mr Menefee, Louisville, offer to sell to the Gallery four old Masters. Placed on file.

Mr Bagger brought up his marble statue of "Modesty" by Corbellini, Ideal bust of a girl by do, and a painting – "Despair" by Taanman, on deposit while he is in Europe. The latter I an admirable painting, and the former good specimens of the Milanese School. Placed latter in Modern S. Gallery.

Visitors 63 \$13.00 Cats. 6 \$1.50 P. \$1.00

## 97 June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cold north-east wind- portending rain. First day of summer! A fire would be comfortable.

Note from Elkington & Co. Has sent by post Photoh, & descriptions of 3 electrotype shields-- £ 8.80 each --repousse—also description of Cleopatra's needle- with model 3 ft high, on marble pedestal £ 10. 10-0.

Dr Jouy brought photographs, and I certified his bill.

Mr J. H. Siddons came & presented a photograph of his grand-aunt Mrs ↑Saml↓ Siddons, after the picture of Sir Thos Lawrence.

Mr Corcoran called & requested me to send Birney's Lecture on Industrial Art to Mr Corning with the St. Memin notice. Also sent them to Mr Valentine, sculptor, Richmond Va.

Mr Hyde sent up several bills receipted & checks.

Dr Hall called- also Gen McCook & friend.

Visitors 260 Cats. 8 \$2.00 P. \$4.00

**98 June 3.**

Sunshine & shade & cool temperature- threatening rain. Yesterday was cool enough for fires.

Note from Mrs. Wm. J. Hays enclosing cheque for \$8.00 for expense of boxing &c "Bison at Bay."

Letter from J. J. Gillespie & Co. Pittsburg enclosing \$1.25 for photo of "Lost Dogs"- sent it & wrote him.

Letter from H. P. Dickie Esq. 36 Irving Place, N.Y. asking for size and price of Charlotte Corday. Wrote to him.

Miss Strong brought a study in oils of an old woman but took away again. Will bring it next week when the Board meets.

Mr Prescott sent up a study from life by Miss Norcross.

Dr Hall called, & fell asleep, & Mr Corcoran thought he was myself taking a nap. Had a good laugh over it.

Mr LeClear came & paid freight bill on his boxes. He offers to paint my portrait as a present next autumn. He thinks of coming to live here. He offers his portrait of Page to the Gallery for \$200—says it is worth \$1,000.

Visitors 343 \$8.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00 P \$8.00

**99 June 4.**

Bright and warm – a fine June day at last.

Letter from H. H. Clements, stating he had sent off Waldo's portrait of G.W.P. Custis by express, and giving some notices of Mr C's family & ancestors.

Mr Bagger

Mr Taylor brought the extra-pieces for the Pedestals for the statuary left by Mr Bagger, & I got Mr Bradley & two men to remove & replace "Modesty" on the improved pedestal-adding greatly to its effect & beauty. The bust was placed between Mr Corcoran & Mr Clay. ~~Sent~~ Gave Bradley's & Taylor's bills to Mr Bagger, who called here with his wife & brother & brought rep curtain for "Modesty". He settled the bills \$6.00.

Mr Adams state of meter

Mr Stickney came on behalf of Mr Adams to test the meter & it reports 923.640.

Mr Corcoran called. Read to him Clements' letter & told him of Le Clear's offer. He is pleased with the statuary. He suggested that the windows of the Bronze & Sculpture Halls should be secured by iron bars.

Visitors 270 Cats. 10 \$2.50 P. \$4.00

**[June 5]**

Bright & pleasantly cool, after the storm of last night.

Note from Mr Dickie N.Y. enclosing \$1.15 for photo of Corday & postage. Sent it, & a postal.

**100** Note from Mr Lazarus N.Y. enclosing bill for repairing the Fortune Teller, which came at 10 a.m. On opening the box, found that several portions of the frame had broken off & were lying loose on the picture, which by the greatest good fortune escaped injury only one small abrasion of an unimportant part being visible. It is a miracle that the whole face of it was not scratched & rasped beyond all remedy. The repair by Mr Lazarus is excellent- All the crevices & cracks having been entirely removed. Sent the frame at once to McElroy for repairs.

The portrait of Mr Custis



At 11 a.m. Waldo's portrait of Mr Custis arrived. It is a striking likeness, rather high in color, somewhat coarse in treatment. A part of it below has been recently touched over, & the color is not dry. It is unframed. Have only acknowledged the arrival of the picture to James Usher, 7 Murray St. N.Y. as Mr Corcoran has not called to see it.

Mrs. Hobson (sister of Mrs Dr. Garnett) called & left a notice of the picture of "Vanity", of which Mrs. Semple told me some days ago. It is a copy from an old picture unknown, by a young American artist also unknown, & represents a female with a peacock feather. Price \$100.

Miss Delafield called.

Mr Le Clear came to say goodbye, he leaves for New York to-day, to return in autumn. He likes the Custis.

Visitors 42 \$10.50 Cats. 7 \$1.75 P. \$1.00

## 101 June 6.

Bright & cool enough this morning for fires.

Package from Elkington & Co containing notices of new electrotpe reproductions, & a heliotype of an oval shield representing the war of the Titans. Jupiter hurling thunderbolts.

The picture of "Vanity" arrived this morning. A hard smooth copy- of little artistic merit.

While absent at the oculist's with my daughter, Dr Barbarin called for a few minutes only, being very weak, I am told.

Mr Corcoran called with ladies. He at once was pleased with the Custis & accepted it. He admired also the "Vanity". He will see to having it framed.

Mrs Semple called. She says that the price of "Vanity" is \$200.

Mr Clark came in & said that Page the N. Y. artist would not live long, & that he had these copies of Titians- which we ought to look out for.

Wrote to Mr Usher that the "Custis" picture is accepted.

Dr Hall came in. Gave Dr Jouy order to finish Corday.

Visitors 315 Cats 12 \$3.00 P. \$2.00

## 102 June 7

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Dr Barbarin not here to-day.

Went to the Senate to see a portrait of Daniel Webster- trash!

Mr Corcoran called. Read the letter to me from Miss Tunstall, which pleased him.

Mr Matthews was in for a few minutes.

Mr. Elroy sent up frame for "Fortune-teller" well repaired, and I replaced the picture in its position.

Sent Lazarus' bill for \$40.00 to Mr Hyde.

Mr Hyde called. States that Dr Barbarin is still unable to appear- has rheumatism in foot.

Visitors 44 \$10.00 Cats 2 50cts. P. \$1.00

### **June 8**

A rainy day and cold- Leak in the gallery (picture).

Dr Barbarin's mother died to-day. He is absent.

Note to the Janitor from John B. Chapin, Willard, Seneca Lake enclosing postal card for copy of C. Corday's letter: sent it.

Letter from A. Fenwick, Paris, sending a large illustrated copy of catalogue of the collection of Laurent Richard, lately sold in Paris—A valuable present. Acknowledged it. Prices are marked on it.

Letter from Mr Usher N.Y. enclosing bill for the Custis portrait including freight (\$1.00) \$76.00 also stating that his father had left several other portraits of distinguished men. Wrote to him to state who were the subjects. Sent both bill & letter to Mr Corcoran.

Miss Belle Walker applied for permission to copy pictures. Miss Baily called to know when she could copy Corday.

Letter from Mr Ezekiel, Rome, wishing to ascertain some points about the measurements of the niches.

Visitors 111 Cats. 8 \$2.00

### **June 10**

Cool and rainy.

Saw Dr Barbarin yesterday, & found him in bed with a return of his bronchial symptoms. He looks very ill.

Wrote to Mr Ezekiel & informed him that the diameter across the top of the pedestal was 19 ½ inches including the cornice.

Mr Poindexter withdrew by card Richards' view of Gull Rock, Newport.

Mr Chamberlin called to see about his bills. I will explain to Mr Hyde my reasons for not certifying to it.

Mr Counn called & removed his portrait of Prest. Pierce.

Pursuant to notice the Board met here at noon. Mr Corcoran was present & the following Trustees: Dr Hall, Dr Welling, A. Hyde, C.M. Matthews, Messrs Riggs & McGuire.

Profr Baird made Trustee

Professor Baird successor to Profr. Henry as Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was also ^unanimously^ elected in his place as a Trustee of this Gallery of Art. Mr Le Clear's offer of his portrait of Wm. Page, artist referred to the Art Committee.

Dr Welling had reported that the art committee had corresponded with Mr Brewster, in reference to the ~~Art Committee~~ Malbone picture.

Curator's call for an addition to the Contingent Fund, met with the order that it should be given on presentation of the vouchers showing the fund was exhausted, & if correct, the Committee on a/c would authorize it.

The proposition to bar the windows of the first story was referee to the Committee in the Building.

Proposition to subscribe for "L' Art" & the "Portfolio," referred to the Art Committee. \$7,000 was appropriated to pay Mr Bierstadt for his landscape bought ~~for~~ by Mr Corcoran.

Visitors 55 \$13.75 Cats. 5 \$1.25

## **105 June 11**

Windy, bright & cool after yesterday's storm of wind & rain.

Dr Barbarin I am told, is better to-day.

Note from Mrs Chas. G. Stark Milwaukee, Wis, enclosing Money order for \$2.00, & 15cts in stamps, for photographs of "Corday" & "Lost Dogs". Mailed them & wrote to her.

State of meter

Mr Adams' associate called & examined the meter which indicated 925.340. which compared with what was registered last week shows a difference in favor of his attachment of 1,700 ft. The test is to be extended longer.

Mrs Masi of Alexa. called & said she would send an order for the so-called West portrait of Sir John Reynolds, belonging to Mrs. Easton.

Miss Robinson brought a copy of her brother's address at Richmond containing an allusion to Charlotte Corday.

Mr Corcoran & Col Curtis called. The latter will send a landscape.  
\$3.00 found in the Upper Gallery, by a visitor.

Visitors 360 Cats 9 \$2.25 P. \$4.75

## **June 12**

Bright, calm & warm at last.

Letter from Mr Usher enclosing receipt to Mr Corcoran for \$76. Took receipt to Mr Hyde.

Letter from Wm. Randolph Smith, Richmond Va. enclosing 60 cts in stamps for 2 copies of Catalogues, & to state changes of admission. Sent them.

- 106** Major Curtis U.S.A. brought a landscape in oils for sale or exhibition—near Lake Tahoe, Cala.

Rec'd from Mr Corcoran catalogues of the Women's Art Museum, & of the Loan Exhibition, Cincinnati.

Visitors 63 \$15.75 Cats 9 \$2.25 P. \$1.00

## **June 13**

Bright & cool.

Dr Barbarin is said to be better.

Mr Chamberlin called about his bill.

Mrs Morrell's picture of the Decline of Rome, was brought to-day & placed on the west wall of the southwest corner gallery. It is a poor weak copy of Couture's great picture. Wrote to A. Fenwick Paris, & sent catalogue.

Mr Corcoran called looking well, but stating that he was over-run with business.  
Authorized me to get frame for Custis portrait. I read Miss Tunstall's poem to him, & he  
took it away with her letter to me, to show to Dr Welling.

Dr Jouy left too Cordays that had been touched over.

Large excursion- parties from Richmond & Pittsburg.

Visitors 655 Cats. 23 \$5.75 P. \$5.25

### June 14

Bright and pleasant.

Dr Barbarin, I hear from Dr Tyler, is improving. I am quite unwell myself to-day.

Sent ~~receipts~~ amt of cash rec'd, to Mr Hyde. \$151.00.

Major Custis brought another landscape- View in Alaska.

Mrs Morrell signed Regulations for Exhibitions.

Card from J. Upshur Dennis 51. W. Fayette St. Balt. asking to send word if photo of  
Tuccia can be safely sent. Sent a postal in reply.

Visitors 84 \$21 Cats 12 \$3.00 P. \$3.75

### June 15

Bright and genial. Dr Barbarin is better.

Mr Guillaume sent his flower-picture, and it was hung in the southwest gallery. Too  
much cloud effect.

Mr Corcoran called & left a letter from a Miss Palmer of Cumberland, accompanying a  
box of samples of bas-reliefs in soft stone, asking Mr C's opinion of their merits.

Dr Tyler called & left a pamphlet for me.

Mr Wilson (Jos. M) called.

Received from Mr Hyde Profr Baird's acknowledgement of his appointment as Trustee.

**108** Major Custis called.

Visitors 365 Cats. 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$700

**June 17**

Cloudy and mild—signs of rain.

Note from Mr Le Clear inquiring if his Page portrait would be bought by the Art Committee. Saw Mr Riggs who agreed to take it, & advised to send a note to Dr Welling, which I did.

Mr T. Moran landscapist, called. He is here to sell his “Ponce de Leon” to Congress.

Selected a title for the Corday picture sent by Beresford printer.

Mr Gibson the printed slip for the back of Corday- her letter which I sent to Dr Jouy- requesting him to have it & the other slip, on one piece of paper.

Mr Corcoran called, & requested me to answer Miss Palmer’s letter & specimens of carving. Drafted a letter.

Heavy rains at 3 p. m.

Visitors 50 \$12.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00 Photos. \$1.00

**June 18**

A heavy northeast rain-storm until the afternoon which lasted through last night.

Too unwell to face the weather, remained at home all day, but very few were at the Gallery.

**109** Postal from Miss Stark, Milwaukee- Photos. rec’d in good order.

Letter from Miss A.M. Woodhull, Perth Amboy, N.J. proposing to sell certain paintings – among them a portrait by Van Dyck for \$100! &c.

Letter from Jos. V. Meigs Lowell, Mass. requesting a catalogue with prices marked, & other publications of this Gallery to use in behalf of art in that community.

Mr Bickford for Mr Adams (gas-fitter) called and left the following **asgister** of the meter 928.110 showing consumption of 2,770 ft, in one week.

Dr Hall called in the afternoon.

No leaks in the Gallery & the cellar was not flooded.

Visitors 100 Cats 9 \$2.25 Photos. \$6.75

**June 19**

Bright & pleasantly cool.

At the Gallery, but feeling weak & uncomfortable.

Purchase of Le Clear's "Wm Page

Note from Dr Welling giving formal assent to the purchase of Le Clear's portrait of Wm. Page, artist—also to subscribing for "L' Art", & the "Portfolio". Wrote to Le Clear & told him to send bill for the portrait.

Dr Jouy writes that he has 400 copies of the old slip for Corday, & suggests that number be ordered for the new one separately- agreed, sent him word & also ordered more "Cordays". Ordered 400 slips fr. Gibson.

**110** Mr Prescott removed his landscape from Gallery.

Wrote to Mr Meigs, Lowell, & sent a catalogue.

Wrote to Miss Woodhull N.J. declining purchasing old pictures.

Mr Corcoran came in & approved of my letter to Miss Palmer which he will sign. I afterwards sent it to him with the lady's address.

Mr Hyde brought up a letter to Mr Corcoran from Mr W. H. Algeo Pittsburg, enclosing a photo of a bust of Miss E. Cushman (actress) made from a wood-cut & memory, & asking if the proposed New Academy of Art would be free. Answered it.

Dr Hall called.

Visitors 52 \$13.00 Cats. 6 \$1.50 P. \$4.00

**June 20**

Bright and warm.

Engaged all the morning in hanging Le Clear's "Page". Maj. Curtis, California Scene, and also in hanging pictures & prints in the Trustees Room.

Miss Strong sent again her life-study of an old woman called "Devotion" for approval for exhibition- stiff, deficient in expression, & in drawing.

Dr Hall called.

**111** Mr Bierstadt called. Gave him some photos of his Mt. Corcoran.

Told Mr Riggs of Dr Welling's wish to take "L' Art" & "Portfolio". He will not assent until he sees Welling & learns the cost.

Visitors 360 Cats. 21 \$5.25 Photos. \$3.25

## June 21

Cloudy cool, & threatening rain.

Mr McElroy came & took measure of "Custis" picture for frame - \$20.00. Went with him, & Mr. Guillaume to examine frames of the French battle-pictures. Think they ought to be either gilt over entirely, or let it alone- patching them will not do. Guillaume has repaired them very well.

Mr Moran √ got permission to remove cotton screen from over the east gallery, in order that the Ponce de Leon may be seen to better advantage by the Committee from Congress who are to call & examine it. Senator How called while I was out, to examine it.

Mrs Semple called while I was out, to see what was ordered about the picture of "Vanity".

Messr. McGuire called, also Dr Hall.

Col. Curtis called and removed his unframed landscape.

Letter from Mr Le Clear enclosing bill for the Page portrait, and requesting cheque to be sent to his wife, N. York city- care of Jas K. Hoyt 54 Broad St.

Visitors 48 \$12.00 Cats. 3 75cts

## 112 June 22

The longest day of summer is here, and yet the weather is anything but that of the season. I still wear my heaviest winter-clothes—heavy rains last night. To-day is changeable, & may be stormy ere night.

Took Le Clear's bill to Mr Hyde, who objected to sending cheque until the bill was receipted. Wrote to Mrs. Le C. care of Mr Hoyt, & enclosed bill to be forwarded to her husband.

Mr Corcoran sent up a letter to him from H. S. Lansing Esq. International Exhn. Phila., asking permission to place the group & bust of Genl. Custer on exhibition in this Gallery, until next session of Congress. It is his son's work in Rome. Mr Corcoran will see it in Phila.



Mr Moran has taken leave. His picture will remain for a season. Will sell it to the Gallery, but will name no price.

Dr Hall called also Mr Corcoran. The latter spoke of Barlow's offer to regild the frames for \$30. Dr Hall & myself recommended him to leave them as they are, & he decided to do it.

Dr Jouy brought 24 copies of Corday accepted.

Visitors 220 Cats. 3 \$1.50

### **113 June 24**

Bight cool, but towards ^afternoon^ cloudy again.

Mr Bendaw from Baltimore called.

Dr Barbarin came for the first time in 7 weeks. He looks very ill ^yet. He did not stay long^.

Mr Corcoran called but went away soon.

Miss Jones & Miss Corcoran & got some photographs for the former & for the mother of the latter.

Letter from Chas L. Case St. Louis, sending for Catalogue & List of Prices, sent letter & told him price of former.

Mrs. Semple called to learn the fate of "Vanity".

Wrote to H. Koekoek 72. Picadilly London, in reference to his offer of certain Dutch pictures in his Gallery.

Visitors 46 \$11.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00

### **June 25**

Bright & pleasant. June is come just as he is going!

Dr Barbarin not here.

Letter from Bouton, of N. Y. stating prices of "L' Art" and "Portfolio" as \$32.00 & \$10.00 – discount of 10. percent. Saw Mr Riggs who consents, & so will order them. Wrote to Dr Welling stating above, & wishing him to call here.

Register of the meter

Mr Stick^ny called & took the register of meter 930.200 ft.

Mr Usher writes to know if we wish the other picture he gave. Sent card declining them.

Miss Moorehead (copyist) called.

- 114** Mr Meade (sculptor) called & showed written plan of statuary for Washington Monument.

Mrs G. M. Berrcain called to see if a picture of Diana & nymphs sleeping", (at Boardman's) could be exhibited here, went to see it, an uninteresting work.

Dr Hall called and manifested a willingness to have screens on rollers for the gallery lights, and also to open a room from this office into the court.

Visitors 275 Catalogues 18 \$4.50 P. \$6.00

### **June 26**

Bright & warm- Dr Barbarin absent.

Mr Hyde brought two photographs of the interior of Mr. Ezekiel's studio in Rome, sent by him to Mr Corcoran, & alluded to, in a letter to Mr Riggs, which states that he is going ahead with his figures for the niches.

Visitors 59 x 12 \$14.75 Cats. 4 \$1.00

### **June 27**

Bright & hot- have donned my summer clothes for the first time this season.  
Dr Barbarin absent.

Mr Guillaume called: shifted his flower picture, to the south-east gallery.

"Portfolio" & "L'Art"

Letter from J. W. Bouton, giving prices ^&c^ of "L'Art" & portfolio. The former is issued in quarterly parts, &  
The Portfolio- monthly, Payment on delivery of volumes of L'Art, & yearly subscriptions \$10.00 (less discount) for the latter in advance. Wrote him to send both works from June. 1. /78 the Art at \$40. is ordered.  
Card from J. H. Bradley 14. Pine St. Phila. wishes 2 photos of Fun & Fright. Sent them & wrote.  
Busy half the day in filing letters.

Mrs Berrian called to learn whether the “Diana” would be accepted- if I had seen it. Told her it was unacceptable.

Thermometer about 92.

Visitors 254 Cats. 13 \$3.25 P. \$2.00

## June 28

Cloudy and sultry—last night warmest of the season. Dr Barbarin absent.

Letter from Chas. L. Case St. Louis, enclosing \$5.00 for the Edict”, watering Place, Odalisque, Vestal, & Venus of Milo- & 50 cts for postage. Sent them by express, & wrote him.

Note from Mr Le Clear, Buffalo, enclosing receipted bill for his “Page”, & asking to have ^cheque^ sent to his wife as before requested. Mr Hyde again objects to payment unless it is made payable to Mrs Le C. with her own first name, Mrs. Thos.

Rec’d copy of Culpeper Times containing account of Ladies Seminary under Dr. Vaughan – for Mr Corcoran.

Dr Barbarin came for a few minutes. He looks & feels much better, & talks of going near Phila. to recover.

Dr. J. C. Welling called & looked at Miss Strong’s “Devotion”. He thinks if title is changed to study from life, it might hang high in the Gallery.

Wrote to Mr ^Le^ Clear about defect in order. Mr Hyde will attend to its correction.

Letter from E. L. Henry N.A. 51 10<sup>th</sup>. St. (Studio Building) N.Y. offering for sale the portraits of Marie Louise & Josephine by Lefevre, now in the Metropolitan Museum N. Y. for \$2500 the pair.

Visitors 26 \$6.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00 Photos \$5.25

## June 29

Hot & somewhat cloudy-.

Mr McElroy sent up frame & bill for the “Custis” portrait, which now looks well indeed.

Package from J. W. Bouton N. Y. containing the 1<sup>st</sup> vol. of L’Art, & 6 nos (1/2 year) of Portfolio- Express change. 45cts. No letter with them. These works seem to be all that is said of them- giving an epitome of English & Continental Art, beautiful fully illustrated.

Mr Corcoran his disease eczema cured by homeopathy

Mr Corcoran called with his eldest grandson. He looks marvelously well, & is in jaunty spirits. I learned yesterday, that his disease of eczema which resisted all the science & remedies of his allopathic doctors, succumbed to the homeopathic treatment of a German practitioner, whose bill was only \$45.

Dr Hill & Mr Lamb (late frame-maker) called.

- 117** Rec'd bill for \$19. from J. W. Bouton for L'Art & "The Portfolio". **R** this does not allow discount on the Annual subn. to The Portfolio. I wrote to him to explain that, & asked if we were not to receive the latter, at least, postage free?

Visitors 125 C. 8 \$2.00 Photos \$1.00

### **July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Bright and warm.

Dr Barbarin absent.

Portrait of the Empress Josephine

Mr Corcoran called & I read to him the letter from E. L. Henry N.A. Studio Building N.Y. & on his approval I have written to Mr. Huntington N.Y. artist for his opinion upon the character of the paintings of Josephine <. . > Marie Louise, empresses. Have also written to Mr Henry.

Mr Clark (architect of the Capitol) called to speak of placing here Bradford's "Polaris", & Pettrich's statue of Tecumseh on exhibitions.

Miss Strong called & gave notice that she would send for her study from life- called "Devotion—which name is objected to by the Art Committee – Picture was taken away. Wrote to Mr Thos. Bland N.Y. enclosing letter to Washington.

Dr Jouy brought photographs.

Visitors 35 \$8.00 Cats. 4 \$1.00

### **118 July 2**

Bright and hot.

Dr Barbarin absent.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Randolph called. He is interested in the portraits of the empresses. Miss Randolph inquired for some one to repair her pictures of Jefferson & of Mrs. Madison.

Dr Hall called at noon, but Mr Hyde came an hour later, and finally the meeting was postponed. Mr Matthews left word for me to notify Dr Hall that the meeting would held at 11 a.m, tomorrow.

A Mr Meigs of Lowell called to-day, and gave an interesting sketch of the attempts to get up an Art Association there. I will send some photographs to him.

Many excursionists from Frederick Md. called.

Visitors 330 C. 12 \$3.00 P. \$5.40

### July 3

Bright & very warm.

Hung portrait of Mr Custis in the E. gallery, & the prints of Ariadne, Durand & Kensett, in the S. West Gallery.

Building Committee met at 11 o'clock a. m. Leaves of absence were granted Messrs. Hedgman ^Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.^ & Martin, Aug. 17-31.

The matter of Adams' Gas-Regulator was referred to Dr Hall for examination. The matter of Gallery screens referred also to Dr Hall. The Curator was authorized to have the book-case repaired. Sent for Mr Taylor who will work at it to-morrow (the 4<sup>th</sup>). The subject was authorized to have C.A. Schneider place proper window guard, to all the rear & east windows of the gallery.

The Curator was authorized to keep a record of the number of gas-burners used during the ensuing month. This is to find out where the waste of gas lies.

Note from Dr Barbarin expressing regret that he could not return here now, & the necessity of his leaving the city for the restoration of his health.

Letter from Dr Corning now in Germany, expressing a wish that his box of prints will not be injured by being kept in our cellar.

Dr Welling called. Likes the Portfolio & L' Art. Requests me to mark a Catalogue with the prices of pictures, for his use.

Letter from Mr Bouton N. Y. He says he meant 10 prct. disct. as applied to L' Art only, but will make the allowance, if I so understood.

Visitors 12 \$3.00 Cats. 3 \$75 P \$2.00

The hottest day of the season.  
Dr Barbarin has left for Phila. – or near it.

Note from Mr Bland Asst. Secy. Met. Museum N.Y. stating he had forwarded my letter to Mr Huntington 49. East 20<sup>th</sup> St.- that the portraits of the empresses I inquired about, are the property of W.J. Chamberlin now in Europe, are believed authentic- noticed in Ottley's Dictionary of Recent & Living Painters.

Yesterday (4<sup>th</sup>.) Mr Taylor strengthened the book-case & to-day I replaced the books in it.

Mr Schneider called to make estimates for iron guards to the rear & north windows of the Galleries.

Card from J. H. Bradley 14 Pine St. N.Y. stating I had written to him Phila, Pine St.—that the photos of Fun & Fright had not arrived (^sent^ 27<sup>th</sup>. June). Sent to Adams office to rectify the mistake.

Wrote to J. W. Bouton stating I had certified his bill.

Visitors 19 \$4.75 Cats. 4 \$1.00

## July 6

Bright and hot.

Dr Jouy's bill \$48.00

Accepted from Dr Jouy 22 white & 15 buff mounted photos of "Corday", & 16 of vestal, certified his bill for 96 photos up to date from June 19<sup>th</sup>. \$48, and ordered 25 photos each of "Slaves, Laocoon, Centaur & Niobe  
121 & 25 stereos of ~~Greek Slave~~ Ginerva & 25 each Cabinets of Clytie & Proserpine.

Mr W. V. Birney (son of Genl. Birney, art lecturer) got card of admission as copyist, after signing Regulations & showing a specimen of head-painting.

Mr Corcoran's last visit before going to the W. Sulphur Springs.

Mr Corcoran called < . . > I read the letter / about the portraits of empresses. He wishes me to keep him advised of what transpires here, while at the White Sulphur Springs, whither he goes on Monday. May he return in as good condition & spirits as ^he^ now has.

Visitors 165 Cats. 7 \$1.75 Photos. \$1.00

## July 8

Hotter! Thermometer 93 at 3 p.m. in spite of the breeze. The air from the sheet, like the breath of a furnace.

Letter from E. F. Fleischmann, Munich, containing a list of pictures he has for sale, several by Kaulbach.

Mr Birney began copying Beggar-Girl.

Mrs Ferry called. She will go to Europe by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. to study.

Spent most of the day, overhauling prices of our pictures.

Mr Copeland called to examine our skylights. He suggests cotton screens on the outer skylights.

Dr Hall came & told me a thermometer is ordered for us from the Signal Service Office.

Visitors 7 (!) \$1.75 Cats. 1 25cts. Photos. \$2.00

## 122 July 9

Another hot day- though there is a little breeze from south. Last night was the hottest of the season.

Huntington's letter Empress Portraits by Lefevre

Letter from Mr Huntington N. Y. stating he had examined the portraits of the empresses, & liked their general effect. Their condition is good, & the cracks mar their appearance. He thinks they have every appearance of being original. He has no idea of their value- suggests that Mr Avery could, & thinks they are pleasing & would be interesting in any condition.

Letter from Mr Bradford, artist, Cal. requesting ^me^ to ask Dr Hall & Mr Riggs if his "Polaris in ice", could be brought to this Gallery. Any thing in ice would be acceptable to-day, with the thermometer at 93, again!

Wrote to Mr Dart. Curator of the Mt. Union College O. & sent 34 photographic views (sterreos).

Dr Hall agrees to the reception of the Polaris.

Visitors 130 Cats. 5 \$1.25

**July 10**

Still very hot.

Mr Architect Clark called this morning about send- the Polaris & Tecumseh. I saw Mr Riggs, who demurs to the former ^Polaris^ coming here ↑P↓ again, and wishes to know Dr Welling's wish. I told him Dr Hall approved its admission. I met Mr Clark at the Capitol, and mentioned this obstacle—I hope only a temporary. Examined the Tecumseh, & think it has great merit.

- 123** The long battle-axe in the right hand is rather awkward, but may be reduced. Wrote to Dr Welling asking him if possible to call to-morrow, and decide upon the admission of the picture and statue. Sent him the catalogue with prices marked.

A Mr Koonen called to know my opinion of the equestrian portrait of Genl. Scott, in the Capitol, painted for the State of Va. and rejected at the beginning of the Civil War, on the ground that he had turned against his native state! I stated that its value was very uncertain indeed. I saw the picture to-day, and think it is a capital portrait of Scott, but otherwise poorly executed.

Saw Mrs. Fassat artist, at work on her picture of the "Electoral Commission"—as it looked in the Supreme Court room- old Senate chamber. It is better than I expected to see. The likenesses are good, but at present the work looks rather mosaic.  
Mr Darnell on leave to-day.

Visitors 16 \$4.00

**124** **July 11**

Very hot still – yesterday the thermometer was at 94.

Letter from Hall Knoll & Granby N. Y. offering pair of cloisonné vases at \$4000 pair.

Wrote thanks to Mr Huntington artist for his letter.

Wrote to J. H. Bradley 14 Pine St. N.Y. to know if the photos (2) of "Lost Dogs" had reached him.

Dr Welling called & expressed his entire willingness to receive Polaris & Tecumseh, which he went to see, & told Mr Clark to send them to-morrow. He also expressed his delight with the Catalogue, which it seems he did not know before was prepared by me. He was astonished at the prices marked on it.  
Engaged all day in preparing Contingent Fund a/c.



Several excursionists visited the galleries. It was very hot in them, & also in this office.

Visitors 180 Cats. 5 \$1.25

### **July 12**

Very hot, but with some breeze.

Mr Clark called signed regulations for Bradford's picture, & Pettrich's "Tecumseh." The first will be here to-day, the latter on Monday. Will set up on a box two feet high. Saw Mr Riggs & informed him of the above works coming here.

- 125** Wrote to E. A. Fleischmann, Munich, Bavaria, stating I had nothing to do with purchasing pictures &c.

Wrote to Mr Bradford, stating his picture would be rec'd.

Wrote to Mr Corcoran, enclosing Mr Huntington's letter, and informing him of the coming of Polaris & Tecumseh.

Miss Darrell requests fresh lime for the cellars & area.

Wrote to Clent Palmer (or Mrs. Meroney) Camden S.C. for another receipt from Express Co. there for \$2.50 paid on Mr Corcoran's likeness wrongly sent to her.

Dr Hall came at 3 p.m. & he remained in charge until 4 p. m. while I hurried home to escape the rain-storm that was gathering.

Visitors 13 \$3.25 Cats. 2 50cts

### **July 13**

Bright & much cooler from yesterday's storm.

Ordered letter & note paper from Boardman & Co.

Sent postal card to R. Custelvecchi, dealer in plaster casts 139, Grand St. N.Y. requesting Catalogue & price-list.

Mr Clark's men brought the Polaris at 3p.m. They will set it up to-morrow, when they bring Tecumseh.

Dr Hall called.

Gave Dr Jouy a letter to Mrs Halsted Ladies Mt. ^V.^ Association recommending him as a reliable man to photograph.

Visitors 115 Cat. 1 25cts

**126 July 15**

Bright & warm.

On Saturday rec'd a postal from J. H. Bradley stating he had rec'd the "Lost Dogs"—55 cts freight—which he says ought to have been 25cts. States he is in the Fine Art trade, & wanted the photos for a customer. Wrote to him to-day, stating I would deduct 30cts, excess of freight charges.

Letter from Jos. V. Meigs Lowell, Mass. enclosing printed by-laws of the L. Art Association, and requesting the promised photos for them, which he will return here if ever that association dissolves. Sent them by express.

Boardman & Co. sent up supplies of paper as ordered.

Mr H. N. Barlow sent up an order for two copies of small Charlotte Corday, which I sent, with bill for the same – he not having paid for them.

Dying Tecumseh by Pettrich & Sons 1856

Mr Miller, Mr Clark's superintendent of building partic. came. The statue of "Tecumseh Dying" arrived at noon, & was placed in position designated between the doors leading to Sculpture Hall- rather cramped for space, but it is the best we can do. Placed in position at 3 ½ p. m. The extension of the right arm holding the ^long^ battle-axe is rather in the way, but I propose to place the blade downward, & then shorten the handle.

Wrote to Dr Welling to call to-morrow & see the figure before the arm is joined.

Visitors 12 \$3.00 Cats. 25 cts

**127 July 16**

Early to-day a cool north breeze, but afterwards hot & sultry & cloudy.

Yesterday at closing rec'd a letter from Dr E. Maynard of this city, stating that his son George the artist now in Europe, hearing there would be an art school established, desired to be considered a candidate for a Professorship in it. He has been commended for a successful picture in the present Paris exposition—has studied 3 years in the Royal Academy at Antwerp, & came out 3d in his class for painting nude figures. He will return here in November.

Wrote Dr Maynard.

Mr Clark's men came at 8 ½ a.m. set up the Polaris, and afterwards joined the arm of Tecumseh. I had 15 inches taken off the handle of the axe, & inverted it, so that it is more convenient, & quite as natural. I had the statue washed in cold water & ~~will~~ it looks very much better. Every one admires it. It is a work of great merit.

Wrote postal to Mr Meigs, & said would dispatch photographs to him to-morrow.

Dr Hall called, and likes the Tecumseh, & thinks is ought to be protected by a barrier.

Mr Taylor has covered the box on which Tecumseh rests, with bits of maroon drapery that improves it vastly.

Mr Hyde read a letter from Dr Barbarin. He was in great pain until Sunday. Will leave P. Amboy Thursday, & in a week return here.

Visitors 88 Catalogues 4 \$1.00

## 128 July 17

Bright & breezy—much cooler.

Put up some maroon hanging behind “Tecumseh”.

Mr Fureschi called. He replaced the finger on Julia, & I gave him a certificate of his excellence as a worker in plaster.

Wrote to Mr Meigs, Lowell, Mass, and sent to his address a lot of photos for the L. Art Association.

Dr Jouy brought 12 stereos of the Greek Slave.

Sent f notice of Polaris & Tecumseh to “Post.”

Rec’d a letter & priced catalogue from Caslelvecchi.

Visitors 25 \$6.25 Cats 2 50cts

## July 18

Hottest day! Thermr. 98°!

This has been the hottest day of the season- the thermometer in the afternoon rising to 98! It is the same nearly over the whole country.

Pencilled note from Dr Barbarin, near Phila. stating that for 10 days after leaving home, he had violent pain in the back of his head & neck—its somewhat relieved, & his strength has much improved, though he is far from well. He goes tomorrow to Perth Amboy N.J. Wrote to him there.

Letter from F. H. Dart, Alliance O. thanking me for

- 129** the photographs sent to the Mt. Vernon College, & enclosing stamps amt. of one dollar for Laocoon & Greek Slave stereo.

Fastened "Tecumseh's" axe with plaster, but it was soon loosened by some visitor. Dr Hall came & advised me to rail off the space holding the statue by barrier of walnut moving on hinges, so that the public will not get near the work. Sent for Taylor & gave the order for them.

Mr Eine (?) once consul to Basler ~~and~~ called & desired to leave here for examination, some photographs, he brought from Italy.

Visitors 91 Catalogues 5 \$1.25

### **July 19**

Still hot, but much cooler than yesterday, by a light breeze. Last night the heat was terrible.

Mr Taylor came & placed the barriers across the doors leading to the cellar.

Gibson & Bros claim pd.

Mr Hyde sent up several receipts, and checks—among the latter, was one of the amt of Gibson & Bros.' claim, & one for Mr Lazarus N. Y. which sent to him & asked for receipt.

Sent cabinet & stereo of Veiled Num to Miss Tunstall. Boardman & Co 2 reams whole sheet letter ruled & unruled headed and 2 ½ reams do.  
V. 12 \$3.00 Cats. 1 25cts

### **130 July 20**

In spite of the thunderstorm of yesterday afternoon & the cool night, the heat to-day is again almost as bad as ever—the thermometer at 8 a.m. being up to 89.

Mrs Randolph in whose house sometime ago, I saw a portrait of the late chief justice John Marshall, by Sully, called to-day, with Mr Buzac to see about its being admitted for purchase or exhibition. The portrait was brought here, and it has been repaired by Volkmar of Baltimore, It certainly looks much better, & is a good likeness, though lacking a certain force & intensity of character in the brow, which were so remarkable in Marshall's head. It will be placed undoubtedly.

Dr Hall called & approved the barriers.

Visitors 76 Cats. 5 \$1.25 Photos 50

**July 22**

Monday. A cool windy day, caused by great storms at the north yesterday. At 4 p. m. yesterday the thermometer stood at 90, but at 8 a.m. today, it was down to 72!

Mr Barbarin says his son is better since his arrival at P. Amboy, & that he will be back in a week.

Mr Clark Mills called.

Dr Jouy brought photographs.

Visitors 15 \$3.75 Cats \$ P. \$1.50

**131 July 23**

Bright & cool, at 7 a.m. cooler than yesterday—therter. 70.!

Drs Hall and Hill called.

Check for \$100. Cont. Fund

Mr Hyde returned my Contingent a/c approved, and sent check for \$100. which I had cashed.

Mrs Randolph called & left papers certified ^by^ Mrs S. A. Allan Richmond (owner of the Marshall portrait) as to its being by the elder Sully.

Mrs Hampton called & shewed good specimens of painting on porcelain.

Visitors 113 Cats 3 75cts

**July 24**

Bright cool & pleasant – warm towards afternoon.

Two vols of Appleton's Journal rec'd from Lycett's paid \$4.00.

Men came at ten a.m. to place iron bars in windows of the main Sculpture & the east galleries.

Rec'd letter from Mr Dart, stating he had seen a package of views (photographic) of the Museum.

Visitors 34 \$8.50 Cats. 2 50cts

### July 25

Cool, and pleasant, but hot in the afternoon.

Rec'd the photos. from Mr Dart. Interesting. Wrote to him.

Rec'd receipted bill from Mr Lazarus.

- 132** Mr Eine brought many photos. of foreign scenes and pictures, for examination.

Mr Wiswell called to inquire of the Board had expressed any wish to purchase a sett of Forbes' army etchings.

Excursion – partly from Washington Co. Md.

Mr Wiessner left for exhibition a specimen of engraved glass.

Visitors 180 Cats 6 \$1.50

### July 26

Pleasant & bright, but getting hotter.

L'Ami pictures.

Mr Corcoran is in town to attend Mrs Commodore Morris' funeral (his mother-in-law—she 89 & he nearly 80) and has sent word he cannot call to-day (having to return to the W.S. Springs to-night) & requests me to get from Mr Norton all he knows about the L'Ami pictures. I have written to that gentleman to-day.

Mr Hyde brought a letter in Italian from Signor in Australia.

Dr. Barbarin, I am told, returns this evening. He is said to be stronger, but complains of his head.

- 133** Finished correction of my address at the ^Art^ exhibit of the Public Schools in May, for Supt. Wilson who is to have it printed in a report, which will be sent abroad.

Mr Corcoran's story of Col. Johnson & Tecumseh

Mr Corcoran came in with his grandson George. He looks well but serious. He examined the Marshall, & I read the papers left by Mrs Randolph. He did not at first like the placing of "Tecumseh", but on my statement of the reasons for it, seemed satisfied. He told me that shortly after the Battle of the Thames, Col. R. M. Johnson was at his ^Mr

C's^ brother's house, and said he was not sure that he did actually kill Tecumseh, but that while in the fight (where he received several wounds) he saw before him some 7 yards distant, a powerful Indian, He at once unslung his carbine, & shot him down, and when the Indian fell, his warriors broke & ran!

Visitors 40 \$10.00 Cats. 1 25cts

### **July 27.**

Cool, & rainy, an agreeable change.

Dr Barbarin has returned home, but did not appear here.

One of the workmen barring the windows, broke a large pane of glass, though he says it was cracked.

A very dull day.

Visitors 75 Cats 7 \$1.75

### **134 July 28**

Monday- Sultry, & cloudy—with heavy rain.

Dr. Barbarin returned to duty quite restored appearance, but still not altogether free from his nervous symptoms.

Schneider's men left, having finished placing bars in all the windows. Saw Mr Hyde and asked if the basement windows also are to be secured. He says this will be an after consideration when the Committee meets again.

Mr Guillaume, & Dr Hill called,-- also a Mr Wynne with letter of introduction from Mr Suwerkrop.

Visitors 26 \$5.50 P. \$1.00

### **July 30**

Very heavy showers all night, & until 2 p. m. to-day, when the sun came out hot.

Note from E. L. Henry N.Y. in reference to the portraits of empresses. Wrote him that probably some one from this Gallery will examine them this autumn.

Note from Mr Dart acknowledging Laocoon & Greek slave Stereo, and enclosing programme of exercises.

Visitors 31 Catalogues 2 50cts

**135 July 31**

Bright and pure air to-day & not too warm.

Note from Miss B.A. Ord, Rawley Springs Va. enclosing 25cts for catalogue. Sent it & postal.

Went to see the L'Ami battle-pieces in Guillaume's studio. They look well, but a thorough repair ought to have been ordered.

Mr Eine brought a book on the Rhine & other things for examination.

Dr Hall called and examined Mr Eine's specimens. He knows the gentleman well.

Visitors 34 \$8.50 Cats 2 50cts P. \$2.00

**Aug 1.**

Bright and hot again to-day.

Letter from J. V. Meigs Lowell, stating that he had transmitted the photos to the L. Art Association- a copy of his letter of transmission is attached to his.

Saw Mr Hyde, and learned that he & Mr Riggs had rec'd copies of Ezekiel's photograph of the his studio with a letter, but no photo of his Phidias. It seems from his letter that he expects to have all his statues complete by October next. I left word with Mr Riggs that we had the photo of Phidias.

Visitors 195 Cats 8 \$2.00 P. %4.40

Mr Darrell & Thomas have sent in records of the Gas burnings ^for July.^

**136 August 2d**

Bright & cool after last night's heavy storms.

Note from J. H. Bradley N.Y. enclosing \$1.70 -20cts. of which are in stamps. Acknowledged them.

Authorized Mr Darrell to get a lantern.

Went to the Capitol to see Mr Clark. Did not see him.

Visitors 15 \$3.75 Cats 1 25cts P. \$2.70



**Aug. 3**

Bright and pleasant—though hot in the course of day.

Letter from C. B. Norton N.Y. in reference to the L'Ami pictures, the "Dying Tecumseh" & Chas. XII. Acknowledged it in a letter.

Saw Mr Clark at the Capitol. He will send a man to clean the "Tecumseh." He does not know anything about its history, save that it was in the Capitol Rotunda when he took office in 1864. He says the person who professes to represent the heirs, is a spice-dealer in New York name unknown.

Saw Mr Hyde, who will call a meeting of the Building Committee before Mr Matthews leaves for a month's absence.

Boardman & Co. sent up bill for stationary.

Dr Hall gave address of Mr. L. Smith, 1017 M. St. for me to see an animal picture, once in Gilmore collection.

Visitors 180 Cats. 8 \$2.00

**Aug. 5**

Hot & sultry. Very oppressive.

Mr Clark called & consents to cleaning the "Tecumseh" by one of his men. He presented us with a photograph of **Agaiszgiz** from a bust by Preston Powers, modeled in 1876 & executed for Harvard College.

Building Committee met 10 ½ o'clock. I reported the records of Janitor & Fireman, of the amt of gas burning during July—also the repairing of the bookcase. After ordering iron bars to be placed in the basement-windows, and authorizing Mr Hyde to purchase an Adams Gas Regulator at a reasonable rate, the Committee adjourned. No order was given about painting the iron-bars.

2d. vol. of L.Art was received.

A most terrific tempest of wind hail & rain.

About three p. m. without visible sign of an approaching storm, a terrific clap of thunder shook the building. It had so little of the reverberating sound of thunder, that at first, I thought some accident had occurred in the galleries, throwing down the casts, or causing large pictures to fall. Then came another crash and a terrific storm of rain & wind came from the northeast. I never saw such a tempest of driving rain- it looked like snow almost: hail fell, and very soon the cellar was flooded, a most overflowing smell of

sewer-gas came up through the Halls from the cellar, -- the air of a foul privy. The pavement was covered to the steps. It lasted until after 4 p. m. The Janitor's kitchen is flooded.

Visitors 18 \$4.50 Photos. 75.

**138 Aug. 6**

Bright & cool after yesterday's storm which unroofed houses, and burst sewers.

Letter from Mr Norton N.Y. stating that "Tecumseh" ~~be~~ cost the owner Dr Van Tuyl of Brazil \$20,000, & thinks it could be got for half that sum. Wrote to Mr N. for further information.

Mr Hyde says Schneider is to paint the iron bars in the windows. Sent a note to the latter about it.

Mr Wiswell called & inquired about the regulations admitting pictures on exhibition. Gave him a copy.

Dr Hall called. Is anxious to have a Downey sewer valve, to stop overflow of water in cellar.

Bill for \$9.00 from J. W. Bouton N.Y.  
Visitors 195 C. 8 \$2.00 Photos \$1.00

**139 Aug. 7.**

Saw Dr Hall about the cellar nuisance, and went with him & Architect Clark to Simpson's where we examined the Downey sewer-valve, which effectually prevents the water & gas from sewers backing into a cellar or house. Dr Hall will order one of them-Good!

Have ordered Professor Cornings' boxes of photos to be taken from the cellar to be sent to N. York as requested by him, if the cellar proved damp. Wrote to him.

Wrote to Mr Corcoran that I had received the photo of Phidias by Ezekiel.  
V. 16 \$4.00 C. 4 \$1.00 P.

**Aug. 8**

Bright & cool in the morning—hot in the afternoon.

Dr Barbarin is absent from illness.

Dr Loring's boxes sent to N.Y.

Sent Dr Loring's 2 boxes to Phelps. Dodge & Co. N.Y.

Letter from Mr Norton. He states that "Tecumseh" was cut in Rio from the cast made here in 1836. The owner brought it here in 1860, & it was placed in the Capitol in 1869. Wrote to him.

Miss Dade, War Dept. called to learn where porcelain paintings can be baked. Gave addresses of several persons of name of Horton & Haughton- that being the name of a lady who paints & has them baked.

Dr Hall called & requested me to call to see Mrs. M. L. Smith's animal picture.

V. 203 C 7 \$1.75 P. \$1.00

**140 Aug. 9.**

Bright & breezy with a light shower in the morning.

Dr Barbarin absent to-day.

Yesterday evening & this morning saw at Mrs. M.L. Smith's the animal painting she wishes this gallery to buy. It is ^a^ large upright picture, representing two spirited Arab horses White & Bay, held by an Arab, the white horse rearing. It is a bold vigorous picture in parts & the forelegs of the white not being well-modelled nor painted. It is evidently, not by a first-rate animal-painter. Mrs M. says she gave \$3,000 for it—an extravagant price! and that it came from the rich family of MacDonald, Baltimore, and was cleaned & (perhaps) touched over by a Col. Johnston of that city, a landscape-painter, who had the coolness to put his name upon it. In Sept. Mrs. L. will send it here for exhibition & sale.

Wrote to Phelps, Dodge & Co. Cliff St. N.Y. that I had sent to them Dr Loring's 2 boxes by Adams Express.

V. 38 \$9.50 C. 7 \$1.75

**Aug. 10**

Bright & warm, but another cyclone at 1 p.m. which in half an hour, caused more destruction to houses & trees than in the previous storms. Our cellar of course was again ^billed &^ flooded with sewer-gas & water.

I am extremely ill from a severe cold, threatening bronchitis and only come to the office, because I feared Dr Barbarin could not come, as was the case.

- 141** Mr Downey came early with a note from Dr Hall, to examine one cellar with a view to state how the trouble there could be remedied by his valve trap. He was astonished at its condition and suggested that an entire change should be made in the sewerage of the

cellar to carry off our water, as well as keep out that of the street ~~offer~~ sewer. He wishes to have a diagram of the sewers of the cellar, or drains, before making his statement to the Committee.

Dr Hall came about 1 p.m. Told him of Downey's suggestion. He thought the inundations were so unusual- coming at intervals of years—that Mr D's views were not so pressing. I told him I expected another storm in 24 hours, and sure enough at 2 p.m. it did come- again flooding cellar with water, & filling it with sewer gas. He had an opportunity of seeing the windows of Downing's suggestions.

Rec'd postal from Chas. B. Barr, Pittsburgh Pa. asking for the name of the artist of Charlotte Corday. Sent it.

Visitors 100 Cats. 4 \$1.00 Photos. \$1.50

### **Aug. 12**

Monday. Bright & cool. Dr Barbarin came.

Acknowledgements from Phelps, Dodge & Co. of the arrival of Dr Loring's boxes.

Dr Barbarin traced with Cassidy's assistance a diagram of the drains of the cellar. Mr Architect Clark came and approved Downey's general ^plan^ of getting rid of the Gallery water from roof &c, & suggested certain improvements which would be effectual.

Mr Hyde came & on surveying the cellar, also saw the necessity of an entire change in the sewerage, & until that is done, no coal (now ready to be delivered) can be put there.

Mr Clark offered to send us Hart's bust of J.J. Crittenden & Stone's bust of Taney now in the Capitol. Accepted.

Dr. Hall called & is anxious to have the work in the cellar commenced at once.

Visitors 24 \$6.00 C. 7 \$1.75

### **Aug 13**

Cloudy, damp & close.

Note from Art Student's League N.Y. enclosing programme of studies there, to be shown to copyists here.

Mr Hyde called & wishes to have Downey call upon him.

Excursionists from Richmond Va.

V. 255 C. 8 \$2.00

Buzac- L'ami!

Mr Buzac told me the Lami pictures were painted for R. Morlot N.Y. and he saw them in Paris in /65.

### Aug 14

Cloudy and damp & sultry.

Rec'd a lot of prospectus from Artists' League N.Y.

Discovered this morning that someone stole yesterday the ^2^ cups & saucers painted by Miss Tannahill, standing in the Bronze Hall. Don't wonder at it! Mr Corcoran objected to my fastening them, & said "if they are stolen, get some more!"

Mr Buzac's story of the Lami pictures.

Wrote to Mr Corcoran what Buzac tells of the L'ami pictures. Mr Morlot for whom they were painted, was a French importer in N.Y. & he, Buzac, saw them when brought over from Paris, with a fine picture of "Perry's Victory on Lake Erie" by Isabey, which was lost by the sinking of a canal-boat. Mr B. says the mistake about them being painted for an archbishop in Paris, must have risen from the fact that Mr Morlot was the nephew of archbishop Morlot of Paris, who was one of the seven councilors of the Regency appointed by Louis Napoleon, when he went on his Italian campaign. Mr B. also says he saw the pictures in a stable or outhouse ~~in P~~ of Mr Robert Morlot's residence in Paris, in 1865. He says the artist never came to America to make sketches for them. Mr R. Morlot bought them for 6,000 frs. each.

Dr Hall brought a statement from Downey of the condition of the cellar, & his suggestions for putting it in order.

Miss Horton called & left the address of the China-decorator in Phila. which I sent to Miss Dade, War Dept.  
V. 24 \$6.00 Cats. 4 \$1.00

### Aug. 15

Cloudy, damp & sultry.

Mr Clark called, and at noon sent down his men with the marble busts of J.J. Crittenden by Hart, & of Ch. Justice Taney by Horatio Stone- Placed them in the bronze room. Crittenden between Mr Clay & Mr Corcoran taking the Ideal Head of a Girl. The Crittenden is the ~~ug~~ head of an ugly man, cut in a lifelike style.

144 Taney is like the original in form, but is a perfect figurehead in expression. Ordered Mr Taylor to add another piece to the pedestal of "Ideal Girl"- to hold Crittenden", as the latter has no pedestal. I will keep the former in the Office.

Mr Miller came & said the cleaner of Tecumseh would be here to-morrow.

Dr Hall called.

V. 217 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$1.00

**Aug. 16**

Cloudy, damp & sultry—very oppressive weather.

Note from John B. Loughman N.Y. wishing to know price of Talking Well & C. Corday.  
Sent price-list in a note.

Note from Geo. Corliss Secy. Pa. Acady of Fine Arts. Phila. asking how to get a copy of  
our Catalogue. Wrote, & sent one.

Mr Clark called & presented a portfolio of colored patterns of Man & Co's ~~he~~ Tiles, for  
floors & walls, **Shiopshire** England.

A very dull day, - rainy after 12 m.

V. 17 \$4.25

**Aug. 17**

Bright, & pleasant but somewhat warm.

Last night rec'd a telegram from Mr Hedgman, stating that in consequence of a land-slide  
on the Fredericksburg, he is detained, but will be home by the first train.

Mr Taylor brought the base for the Crittenden bust. Very good.

- 145** Dr Welling came in- before joining Mr Corcoran at the White Sulphur. He admires the  
Crittenden bust very much, also the "Tecumseh." He agrees me that the small bronzes  
being unsafe, two of them having disappeared this week- ought to be removed from the  
table & enclosed in cases.

Dr Hall called & talked over the sewer improvements. Mr Hedgman did not appear to-  
day.

V. 235 C. 7 \$1.75 P.

**Aug. 19.**

Bright, cool & pleasant.

Letter from C. A. Maginness Secy. of Industrial Exposition at Louisville Ky. asking to  
send what photos. we can spare to him by Adams Express. Wrote & sent them.

Mrs. M. L. Smith, called & obtained from me a note stating that her "Arabian Horses & Groom" was a valuable & interesting picture in good condition.

Mr Buzac called to correct his statement about the L'Ami pictures. He says he saw them in Paris in 1851 not 1865. He never saw them in the latter year, though he was then in Paris. He never saw them in America as I had supposed.

Mr Walters has returned to Baltimore from Europe.  
V. 20 \$5.00 C. 2 50cts P. \$2.50

**146 Aug. 20**

Bright cool & pleasant.

Mr Clark (architects called) with a book for Dr Hall. I put up a lot of photographs for him.

Wrote to H.P. Gray Jr. N.Y. in reply to his letter of 16<sup>th</sup> (rec'd on Sunday) requesting to send him some "semi-official" testimonial embracing "the estimation of his father's "Judgement of Paris" as held by Mr Corcoran & the Trustees." I sent him a copy of the Catalogue, & gave him my assurances of the high favor in which the picture is held.  
V. 275 Cats. 5 \$1.25 Photos. \$1.00

**Aug. 21**

Bright and cool.

Absent to-day on a trip to Blakiston's Island.

A letter from Mr Corcoran to me introducing Dr Paucoast and party of Phila. Dr Barbarin showed them the Gallery with which they greatly pleased.

V. 26 \$4.75 Cats. 2 50cts P. \$1.00

**Aug. 22**

Note from Mrs M. Van Ness, Hudson N.Y. asking for copy of the Regulations for copyists.

Bright & cool day.

Postal card from Mr Corliss Penn. Acad. F. Arts, acknowledging, catalogue & note.

Mr Seibert brought a sketch in oils of a portrait of Mr Messer, artist for exhibition-allowed. It is a likeness, but rough, unfinished & uncomely in style as well as subject.  
V. 300 C. 10 \$2.50

**147 Aug. 23**

Bright but very cool.

Ed. H. Coates Phila. writes for two catalogues, and encloses \$1.00- sent him that number & returned .50cts.

H.P. Gray wrote & enclosed \$5.00 for the Photos. ~~for the~~ which please him. Will send the "Flag" in Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. and furnish some items for the catalogue.

Dr Hall called Mr Ficklin of Georgetown, left a small head for exhibition & sale, bought from France during the Revolution, by his Grandfather Rodier, a companion of Lafayette.

A poor copy—

V. 32 \$7.00 Cats. 6 \$1.45 P. \$5.50

**Aug. 24**

Bright & cooler than yesterday. Beautiful weather.

Letter from Mr Walters Mrs. Goodrich's collection

Letter from Mr Walters enclosing one from Mr. Cornelia G. Goodrich, Po'keepsie N.Y. offering to sell a large collection of aquarelles & drawings, old & modern. Valued at \$10,000. Mr Walters states that he found a "world of interest" in the Paris Exposition.

Mr Clark sent a man to clean "Tecumseh", and under his hand the work is assuming a great change for the better.

Visitors 256 Cats. 7 \$1.75

**148 Aug. 26**

Bright, cool & very pleasant.

Mr E. Clark called. Got from him Mr Brumich's address (private), & will call on him.

Wrote to Mr Walters, acknowledging his & Mrs. Goodrich's letters.

Dr Barbarin went home ill at 1 p. m.

Mr Hyde called. He thinks Mr Corcoran will return early in September. Has been threatened with a chill.

Visitors 29 \$7.25 C. 4 \$1.00



**Aug. 27**

Bright and pleasantly cool.

Hung Mr Seibert's portrait of Messer in the S.W. Gallery.

Mr Taylor repaired rails near Tecumseh with new hinges.

Visitors 305 Cats. 6 \$1.50

**Aug. 28**

Cloudy, damp with some rain.

Mr Clark's man finished cleaning the Tecumseh, & has washed the Crittenden & Taney, & Mr Corcoran. He tells me that he applies first the chloride of lime diluted where the marble is badly stained, and washing with the Silver soap only when the stain or dirt is but slight.

Dr Hall called.

V. 37 \$8.25 Cats 4 \$1.00

**149 Aug. 29**

Bright but sultry & oppressive.

Dr Hall called.

A critic in the "Capital" of last Sunday has written a long article in the Venus of Milo, & denouncing the restored left foot. He is right. It is a barbarism, for though a shapely foot in itself, it does not harmonize with the bruised condition of the statue. It looks too new. The critic however, rhapsody is too much about, & ridiculous what he calls the "apochryphal arch" of the new foot, which is absurd, for there is no weight on it, & therefore would naturally not be so flat as the left one. He also says the Goddess looks afar off, as though disgusted with her new foot!"

Visitors 425 C 11 \$2.75 P

**Aug. 30.**

Cloudy but sultry.

Mr Robinson called and stated he left Mr Corcoran enjoying himself at the White Sulphur Springs, Dr Welling & Miss Tunstall & her mother, Mrs Brooks, joined him on Sunday. Mr C. will return about Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

A dull day.

V. 64 \$15.00 Cats. 4 \$1.00 P. \$3.00

### Aug. 31

A Rainy Day though mild.

Mrs Patterson niece of Powers, sculptor

Mr & Mrs Patterson of Cincinnati, the latter a niece of Powers sculptor called, & I introduced myself

### 150 Mrs. Patterson's story of the "Greek Slave".

Mrs P gave me some interesting facts about the Greek Slave. She says the first statue of it was made for Lord Ward. There is some doubt whether ours was this copy. She advised me to write to Longworth Powers in Florence for full information about his father & his works. It appears that the studio of the latter is still preserved & that copy of the Greek Slave is held at \$10,000. Mrs P. tells me that when Thorwaldsen first called upon Powers, the latter showed him the "Greek Slave" & deprecatingly said "It is my first statue!" to which Thorwaldsen replied with a warm grasp of the hand, "you should be proud to say if it was your last!" He modeled that figure after a young Italian girl whom he saw while hunting near the Carrara quarry, & was struck with her graceful manner while carving a block of marble. She subsequently visited his studio as a regular model nude, and was a girl of moral character. The ear was modeled after a relative's. Mrs. P. is to send me a photograph of her uncle as a gift, and will send others for copies, if I wish them.

V. 159 Cats. 9 \$2.25 P. \$3.00

### Sept. 2

Monday. Bright & warm- yesterday hot as midsummer.  
Mr Guillaume called, also Dr Hall.

Mr Hyde tells me Mr Corcoran will return on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 151 Mr Riggs gave me two letters to him from Mr Geo. C. Mason, Newport R.I. calling for information about the pictures by Gilbert Stuart, of whom he is writing a Life, from papers furnished by Miss Stuart, his daughter. In one of them he expresses a wish to have any information on the subject, I can give him, which Mr Riggs requests me if possible to do. Sent to Mr Bunce notice of busts of Crittenden & Taney. Mr Martin is back from his leave.

V. 31 \$7.00 C. 6 \$1.50

**Sept. 3d.**

A very hot day- as hot as one in July.

Mr Croffut was shown the Adams ^drawings^ & St Memin portraits.

Wrote to Mr Mason, Newport R.I. and gave him some items about the Stuart pictures in this city. Went over to the President's House, and examined Stuart's Washington & Jefferson, & feel doubtful of either of them being by him. Sent a catalogue to Mr M.

Two ladies from Baltimore called to inquire if we were buying pictures by Stuart. It seems that portraits of Gen. Saml. Smyth & wife, & Govr. Nicolas, by Stuart are in Baltimore, and the owners wishing \$1,000 a piece for them. They seemed rather unwilling to say whose pictures they were, & will call again. Wrote to Mr Walters about them.

V. 212 Cats. 10 \$2.50

**152    Sept. 4**

Cooler but still oppressive in the sun. Last night a severe thunder-storm.

Mr Hyde demurs for the present to whitewashing the walls of the courts below the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

Mr Chamberlin brought up his bill for cleaning the Gallery-sky-lights, from Mr Hyde, with the latter's direction, that he would settle what I approved. Reduced the bill from \$34.75 to \$28. & certified it.

In consequence of illness from an attack of bile, I had to leave for home at an early hour.

Sent notice to Gibson & Bros. about Profr Baird's name in the list of Trustees.

V. 28 \$7 C. 2 50cts

**Sept. 5**

Bright and pleasant.

Too ill all day to appear at the Gallery.

Miss Eustis sent word to know if the small picture of the crowned Virgin, exhibited by Mrs Major Darling is for sale. Dr Barbarin sent word, it was not.

Dr Hall called.

V. 255 C. 7 \$1.75 P. \$3.00

**153 Sept. 6.**

Bright & cool.

At the Gallery again but feeling very weak. Had the case of the Hildersheim Treasures opened & the articles cleaned. Mr. Taylor was sent for to open & close the case. Dr Barbarin saying he was unable to assist, I had to attend to the work, & suffered from it. Let Mr Darrell off on half-holiday.

Mr Corcoran's grandson was in the Gallery. I did not see him.

Had to leave at 3 p. m. from fatigue.

V. 22 \$5.50 C. 2 50 P. \$1.00

**Sept. 7.**

Bright & pleasant.

Postal card from Mr Magiuness Louisville, KY, acknowledging photographs.

Letter from G. C. Mason Newport, R.I. acknowledging mine. He says the Tayloe Washington by Stuart, was brought to this city by the artist as a specimen, & then bought by M Tayloe, who gave other orders. He says Tuckerman was right about the spuriousness of the full-length Jackson Washington in the President's House- which ~~which~~ with another full-length was the work of a swindler. Mr M. is trying to work up the Stuart pictures in Baltimore.

Rec'd two copies of photographs of the statue of Raphael, by Ezekiel. The general design is good

- 154** but the pose of the figure is, in my opinion, as bad as anything I ever saw in sculpture. The weight is on the right leg, but it is thrown out so far from the centre of the body on neck, that no living being could hold the position unsupported, one minute. The right arm is thrown straight across the breast, with the palm flat & fingers extended—a position stiff & unnatural. The drapery is well-arranged, & the ~~up~~ head uplifted in natural ~~ax~~ unlike what the statue of the divine, the spirituelle Raphael ought to be.

Dr Welling called and condemned the Raphael as the worst design he ever saw. He will come in some day soon to talk over the rules admitting copyists.

Miss Caroline (Henry, daughter of the late Professor Henry, called with the blue & gold vase given to her father by the French Government in 1872, which she deposited here with pedestal, subject to it, removal at any time by his family. I gave a receipt, and the work will be placed in the Bronze Hall.

Mr Buzac called & spoke of the fine examples of statues of artists in outside niches of the Uffizii palace, Florence.

V. 250 C. 5 \$1.25

**155 Sept. 9**

Monday. Bright, cool & pleasant.

Another bill for vol 1. of "L'Art" & for the "Portfolio", rec'd from Mr Hyde to whom I gave it. He must have lost the first bill rendered, for I sent it to him.

Shewed Ezekiel's "Raphael" to Mr Riggs.

Rec'd a letter from Mr Tunstall, at the W. Sulphur Springs. She does not like the Phidias at all, and hopes he will do justice to Raphael. She would be so shocked to see what he has sent.

Mr Corcoran came at 11 ½ with his grandson George. He looks travel-worn & has a cough from a cold. In a few days perhaps he will be himself again. I showed him the Phidias & Raphael & he seemed pleased with them! – which is a pity!

Mr Miller called, & examined our etchings.

Mr Buzac called & spoke again of the statues of the Uffizii.

Mr Corcoran brought Mr Lentze's outline key to his picture of "Milton playing before Cromwell". Will have it framed.

Wrote to Gebbie & Barrie for prices of binding Gems of Centl. Exhibition.

H. C. Shriver Balt. will send improved varnish for pictures.

V. 29 \$5.50 C. 3 75cts P \$1.00

**156 Septr. 10**

Cool, cloudy, and drizzly, portending a north-east storm.

Went to the Capitol in search of a sight of the statues in the Uffizii Gallery- in vain.

Miss Henry left an oil-painting of an ^unknown^ personage in old-fashioned costume, wig, ruffles, & crimson robe- by an unknown artist. It had been to Mr Guillaume for repair, & in attempting to wash it, he removed a water-color painting from the including a moustache. He backed it, and unfortunately the back lining is too tight for the painting which is all in wrinkles.

V. 465 C. 10 \$2.50 P. \$4.50

### Sept. 11

Mild, and showery.

Messrs. Gebbie & Barrie writes that the Exhibition Catalogue is completed in 46 parts. Has referred my inquiry about binding them to their Balt. agent who will show me specimens.

Letter from Dr Corning at Huzst-Sur-Mer-Belgium, thanking me for caring for his prints. He will visit Paris. Thinks he will not return to America before 1879- in the Summer.

Mr Walters came in at noon. Had a very interesting conversation with him about the Paris Exposition- particularly about the Retrospective Collection in the wings of the Trocaders, of which I had not read nor heard any account. It was made up of ~~the~~ objects of Art from the earliest times to this present century, loaned by various collectors. The gallery of one wing contained European objects from the 4<sup>th</sup> century before Christ. Those loaned by Rothschild were valued at \$2,000,000! The Spanish Armor was particularly rich. The other gallery is devoted to oriental objects, of which the Persian was is richest. These objects are all arranged chronologically. Mr W. spent 25 days in stud<sup>y</sup>ing this collection. He represents that an admirable opportunity was afforded to procure great works for this Gallery. Mr W. also gave some interesting facts about the artist Gerome, and his last work in bronze sculpture, the famous group of the "Vanquisher & Vanquished" "in his picture of the Gladiators (in Mrs A. T. Stewart's Gallery N.Y.) which is of heroic size in the Trocadero, and upon which Gerome was engaged for 2 years.

Mr Riggs came in with Mr Walters at a later hour to look at Ezekiel's statues of Phidias Raphael (in photograph), and Mr W. condemned them as unfit- and too cheap- that is, to get good statues of marble, \$1,000 ~~was the~~ and not \$600. was a suitable price.

Dr Hall called.

V. 42 \$10.50 C. 1 25cts

### 158 Sept. 12

Cloudy, mild & some rain.

Mr Schneider's men brought up the iron-fastenings for the east-window of the Sculpture Hall (Main) and the iron doors for the alley entrance to the basement.

Two excursion trains from Valley of Va. to-day- many of them visited the Gallery.

A very dull day.

V. 485 C. 11 \$2.75 P. \$1.25

### **Sept. 13**

An equinoctial gale last night—to-day rain & wind.

Note from Mrs C.B. Lombard Magnolia, Mass. requesting form of application to copy pictures. She wishes to copy Mt. Corcoran in November.

Miss Le Comte & expressed a wish to finish her copy of the "Vestal".

Wind changed to the north, became cooler & gives promise of dry pleasant weather.

V. 28 \$7.00

### **Sept. 14**

Clear, cool & pleasant.

The iron-door in the basement finished.

Mr Corcoran called while I was out at the printer's.

Dr Hall called.

I received a package of photographs from Mrs.

Pallerson, niece of Hiram Powers, sculptor, whom I met in the Gallery some days since.

A very pleasant friendly letter to me accompanied them, presenting to me the photo of Powers, & one representing him & his family grouped at the door of his house at Florence. She also sent a photos of Powers' statue of an Indian Girl & of his America, which she wishes returned. The letter contains a key to the family group, so that I can know their names, and also gives a sprightly account of the way of life, of the whole family, which must have been charming.

Mr Hyde has written to Balt. about the furnaces.

V. 600 C. 9 \$2.25 P. 75cts

### **Sept. 16**

Bright & cool.

Finished the correction of the Catalogue for Gibson.

Sent \$4.25, unclaimed sums found in the Gallery, to L.J. Davis, for the yellow-fever sufferers.

Mr. Brady (photographer) called. He was delighted with the portrait of Page, liked the Custis portrait, and does not believe the John Marshall was painted by Sully. Thinks Jarvis painted it. He considers Hart's bust of Crittenden equal to anything of its kind.

Mr Corcoran came in. He was in fine spirits, and consented to bringing the Carlisle portrait into this room.

Wrote to Mrs. Patterson & returned her photos.

V. 53 \$12.00 C. 3 75cts P. \$1.75

**160 Sept. 17**

Bright and pleasant.

Miss Cheesborough of Charleston S.C. brought a card from Mr Corcoran. She is an artist, & called to inform the Gallery of a picture in N. York by Otto Venino, pupil of Kaulback, & one of the instructors in the Cooper's Institute. The subject is the "Prison Scene in Lear," and is valued at \$6,000. She wishes some of the Trustees to see it.

Mr Corcoran called & did not remember the lady at all (Miss Cheesborough) but would like to see her. Mr C. went upstairs for the first time since his return. He is now in good health.

Dr Hall called. He admires the unknown picture from Miss Henry, and approves of it going up into the gallery. He intends to invite Sir Edward **Floraton** (British Minister) to call & look at it.

Much cast down to-day by the news that my brother-in-law B. T. Plummer of Memphis after burying two of his children, victims of yellow-fever, & reporting that his wife, daughter & two sons were sick, is himself down with the same dread disease. Seven in all! God help them!

V. 321 C. 8 \$2.00 P \$1.00

**161 Sept. 18**

Bright & pleasant.

Saddened to hear by the paper that my brother-in-law is dead.

Dr Hall called- also Mr Corcoran who is looking remarkably well. He tells me Miss Eustis has a young niece in N. Orleans down with fever.



Went home at noon feeling sad & ill, and found there a telegram stating that not only my brother-in-law but his wife and another son had died of yellow fever- five in all, out of seven- in some 3 weeks!

V. 30 \$6.50 C. 1 25 P. \$1.00

**Sept. 19**

Bright and pleasant.

Too ill to attend at the Gallery to-day.

Mr Corcoran called for a moment.

Nothing of importance.

V. 310 C. 9 \$2.25 P. \$6.50

**Sept. 20**

Bright and warm.

Too weak to come to the Gallery until 12 ½ o'clock.

Mr Corcoran & the beggar's cane

Mr Corcoran called & was bullied into buying a cane from a impudent dealer, who after getting a dollar—a common crock-handle one—said it was not enough, and getting a half dollar more- bolted out without saying thank you! Mr C. is certainly very easy with these sturdy beggars. V. 56 C. 1 25cts P. \$1.00

**162 Sept. 21**

Mild damp & hazy.

Better to-day – Mr Clarke (architect) called before I arrived, and left for us catalogues of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Drs. Hall & Hill called.

V. 275 C 25cts P. \$4.25

**Sept. 23**

Cool with north-east wind.

Rec'd Phila. paper with a marked passage stating that John Sartain had rec'd from the King Humbert of Italy, the "Order of the Crown of Italy", for his services as Head of the Art Dept. of the Centennial Exhibition.

Mr Fleischman called.

Dr Hall & Mr Corcoran. The latter wishes me when I pass through Phila. to see Mr Sartain & urge him to visit us.

Mr—came on part of Mr Noyes to look at the boiler &c. He says Mr N. will call & examine them.

V. 56 \$13.25 C. 6 \$1.50 P.

### **Sept. 24**

Cold northeast rain.

163 Mr Hyde sent up a communication of J.L. O'Sullivan N. Y. to Mr Corcoran, offering for sale the ↑first↓ sketch of the original picture of St Isabel of Hungary by Murillo, now in Madrid, which with a small copy of the latter picture he will sell for \$2,500- the sketch alone (by Murillo) for \$2,000. He points out the interesting items of difference between sketch & finished picture.

Engaged Mr Taylor to come to-morrow & remove screens from the picture Galleries.

Mr Kemp delivered a copy of the 3 vol. Gems from the collection of the Centennial Exhibition, which is bound, and took in lieu our 46 nos. of that work. Certified his bill for \$9.00- \$3.00 per vol, which Mr Hyde paid.

Genl. Emory called & examined several things in our office & the Bronze Hall, with great interest.

V. 315 C. 11 \$2.75

### **Sept. 25**

Mild & cloudy.

Got Mr Brurmidi to write an Italian answer to the applicant in Australia. Mr B. is evidently very feeble and it is very doubtful if he be able to complete the fine frescoping in the interior dome of the Capitol.

A man came from Gray & Noges called to look at the furnaces. It is thought the flues are not large enough for larger boilers & furnaces.

Mr Taylor moved the gallery-screws- a great improvement. Mr Chamberlin's man called to look at the broken skylight.

V. 48 C. 4 \$1.00

**164 Sept. 26**

Mild, with clouds & sunshine & showers.

Mr Guillaume called & looked at the Henry picture. He says it was covered with almost an entire new head in oil colors, that the grey wig, was black hair, & it had a black m<sup>h</sup>o<sup>h</sup>ustache—that the dress was all black with a square collar plain—in fact it was a picture of a burgomaster! He did not line it, but cleaned for Professor Henry gratuitously.

Chamberlin's man repaired the broken light, in the gallery.

Note from Maj. Curtis asking me to see if Mr ~~Curt~~ Corcoran or the Trustees would give \$200 or \$150 for his landscape.

Mr Riggs came in & read Mr O'Sullivan's letter about the Murillo, and said Mr Hyde had rec'd a reply from O'S. to one declining to buy the picture, in which "he pitched into" in to the Trustees for failing to secure it!

A rain storm with cold wind from the north.

V. 335 C. 13 \$3.25 P. \$1.00

**Sept. 27**

Cool, bright and bracing.

Gave me request for leave of absence (signed by Dr Hall) to Mr Hyde. I ask for three weeks.

Mr Corcoran called asked me to call at Mr O'Sullivan's N. York, to see the sketch of Murillo's work.

- 165** Mr Corcoran introduced Sam. Ward – famous lobbyist & diner, & Dr Valentine. The former thought the unknown picture from Miss Henry to be in the style of Sir Peter Lely. Dr. V. thought it might be a portrait of Dean Swift. Doubtful, Mr Ward tells me he wrote some verses for Mr C in allusion to his companion Miss Tunstall, whom he likened to a rose clinging to an oak! – that is Mr Corcoran. He will send a copy of it

V. 58 \$12.00 Cat. 1 25cts P. \$1.00.

**Sept. 28**

A very cool morning, after a frosty night.

By Mr Corcoran's permission, Dr Hunter shewed me for perusal, a letter to him from Miss Welling- full of sprightly fun, sound criticism upon art &c. She is a gifted young lady.

Sent an Italian reply to Signor **Probucisni**, Australia.

Dr Hall says Mr Corcoran suggests that the "Tecumseh" be placed behind Napoleon- I doubt its propriety.

New edition of Catalogue

Gibson sent up catalogues of new edition.

Got through my preparations for leaving on Monday, and if weather permits will go that morning to New York stopping at Phila.

Miss T. I. Lockwood brought a picture & got card for copying C. Corday.

V. 420 C. 6 \$1.50 P. \$3.00

## 166 Sept 30

Monday. Bright and mild.

Came to the Gallery for a short time, and left the city at 1.30 p. m. for Philadelphia. Next day visited the Centennial grounds, was ^as^ much impressed with the grandeur of the Main Building as ever, and the removal of the small buildings improved the grounds amazingly. The Memorial Hall was full of interest from its fine collection, particularly from a case of British testimonials to Gen. Grant.

Saw Mr Sartain. He will visit W. very soon. Went to New York, thence by way of Albany & Saratoga to Lake George. After spending three days ^there^ returned by same route to N. York. I was glad to see that Mr Kensett's Autumn afternoon on Lake George ^was^ truthful in form and color.

In New York I saw the Murillo sketch & copy of the finished picture offered by J. L. O'Sullivan to this Gallery. Very small, & though interesting, not of importance enough for us.

I examined the portraits of Empresses Josephine & Maria Louisa at the Art Museum. They are in good condition, and would be a valuable addition to our collection some day. Mr Secretary Bland was delighted with the photo of Pompeian Toilette.

Saw H.P. Gray Jr at Tiffany's & went with him to see at his mother's house the copy of Titian's Venus which her husband had restored. I saw it disadvantageously but well enough to know its genuine merits. The head is in fine preservation. It would be a great study for advanced pupils.

Went with Mr Waller & saw the operations

## 167 of the Art League Association. It is admirably conducted, the Painting & Drawing under Mr Chase, just returned from Munich. I saw the pupils drawing from the nude and dressed living models.

I attended the grand ^Loan^ Decorative Art Exhibition at the Academy. The paintings were from the choicest private galleries, & from the latest importation of dealers.

Gerome, Bourgeois, Detaille, Meissonier, Vibert—all the great French artists were represented, & the company was select. This display of majolica, vasa &c was also very rich. I spent two days on Staten I. I returned on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. gratified with my trip, & being blest with beautiful weather.

The Records below up to Monday Oct 21. are from notes of the Asst. Curator Dr Barbarin.

Catalogue of Centennial Photographs with newspaper & 3 photos of Album case sent up by Mr Hyde.

Catalogue of Art Dept. Chicago Industrial Exposition sent to me.

Postal card to me—with pamphlet describing picture—Venino's Lear & Cornelia &c—rec'd in N.Y.

Fire made in the furnace.

Mr. Turk brought a marine view by Bradford.

V. 28 x 4 \$7.00 C. 1 25cts

**168 Oct 1./78**

Bright and pleasant.

Mr Walter Cox says he had advanced \$20. to Mr Turk on his picture, Perhaps will send it to N. Y. for sale.

Dr Hall called.

V. 220 Cats. 8 \$2.00

**Oct 2**

Clear & pleasant.

Dr Jouy left photographs – accepted 50 Cordays & 22 Judgement of Paris.

Gibson's bill \$160.70 rec'd.

V. 42 x 4 \$10.50 Cats. \$1.00 Photos. \$3.00

**Oct 3**

Bright & agreeable.

Mr Hyde says Gillis & Geoghegan will have the contract for new boilers.

Receiving the winter's coal.

V. 304 Cats 8 \$2.00 Photos \$5.75

**Oct 4.**

Bright & pleasant.

Letter from Prest. Thos R. Pynchon, Trinity College Hartford, for information about purchase of casts, answered.

4 London News, & Art Journal rec'd.

Very cold in this office.

V. 24 \$5.50

**169 Oct. 5**

Clear & pleasant outside—cold enough for a fire inside.

Dr Hall.

Mrs Hughes 825 Vt. Av. sent five portraits for exhibition. Two by Sir Joshua Reynolds, portraits of Mr & Mrs Sylvanus Grove, of Mr Joe Galloway by West, of John C. Calhoun by Chas. B. King, & of Genl Jackson by Earle, while President. The Reynolds are very faded, the Calhoun's a likeness, but too young for him as Secy of War.

V. 400 C. 8 \$2.00

**Octr. 7**

Cloudy & cool with rain.

Letter from John Doherty England, Sept. 26/78 offering certain pictures for sale.

Chamberlin put glass in windows.

Mr Andrews, artist, arrived from Europe yesterday and called to-day.

Mr Corcoran called & was vexed that the photos of Ezekiel's statues were not liked, and he not knowing anything of the objections.

V. ~~300~~ 50 \$12.50 C. 5 \$1.25 P. \$3.00

**Octr. 8.**

Cloudy & cool early, clear in the afternoon.

Dr Hall called.

V. 300 Cats. \$2.50

**170 Oct. 9**

Bright & delightful.

Mr Darrell reports the plaster-mask of Clement XIII, as blown over from the windows & broken into many fragments, which were collected for repair.

Found the skylight badly mended- the hand-rail removed & never replaced, the trap-door cover had no fastening.

Mr Corcoran called in search of a sketch of Albert Durer by Ezekiel, which he says he left here & which could not be found.

Got Mr Taylor to replace hand-rail & trap-cover.

V. 35 \$8.75 Cats 4 \$1.00

**Oct. 10**

Bright & pleasant.

Mr Corcoran is quite unwell.

Sent notices for meeting of the Board on Monday- noon.

Chamberlin put in 4 glasses—also glass in stable.

Dr Hall called.

V. 420 Cats. 20 \$5.00 P. \$3.00

**Oct. 11.**

Cloudy & cool- fire & overcoat comfortable.

Chas. W. Brooks of Ca. examined the St Memin portraits & thinks "Books" Page 5. is Gov. John, Brooks, Mass, but will inquire & let us know.

Dr Hall called.

V. 52 \$13.00 Cats. 4 \$1.00

**171 Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Cloudy & cool.

Sent photographs to Art Institutions. 10 in all.

Tree-boxes whitewashed by order of Mr Hyde, \$1.00.

Mr Matthews called.

Dr Hall called.

V. 350 Cats 13 \$3.25 Photos. \$4.25

**Oct. 14**

Clear & pleasant.

Letter from J. J. Stewart in reference to purchase of the Pulaski bust.

Letter from V. de Soli with photos, offering statue & bronze for sale.

No quorum attending meeting of Board, it adjourned to Saturday at 7 p. m.

V. 54 \$12.00 Cats. 3 75cts Photos. 10 \$2.50

**Oct. 15.**

Clear & pleasant.

Returned "Vanity" to its owner, by Mr Martin.

Mr W. S. Cushman, Ohio, applies to copy, but has no specimen. Sent notices for adjournment meeting of the Board.

V. 320 Cats. \$2.25

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Clear and pleasant.

Dodge & son of this city, offers buck-loading guns for \$280.

Mr Barlow removed Mr Andrews "Martha Washington" to the President's House.

**172** Sent photographs to the Richmond Art Association care of Miss E. W. Henry, by request of Profr. Henry.

Acknowledgement of photographs by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

All of Mrs. Hughes' pictures to remain except Gen. Jackson.

Drs. Hall & Welling.

V. 42 \$10.50 Cats 4 \$1.00 P. \$3.00

**Octr. 17**

Clear & pleasant.

Sent word to Mrs. Hughes of the action upon her pictures.

Mr Prescott called.



Drs. Welling & Hall called.

Letter from Catharine B. Lombard Boston, proposing to copy Mt. Corcoran Nov. 1.  
V 340 Cats. 4 \$1.00

**Octr. 18**

Heavy rain in the morning; clear & cool in the afternoon.

Dr Welling called.  
V. 25 \$4.75 C. 7 \$1.74

**Octr. 19.**

Clear & cold.  
Pa. Academy of Fine Arts, Princeton College, & Union College Schnectady,  
acknowledge photographs.  
Dr Hall called & stated that Mr MacLeod had returned. Sent to Mr MacLeod that the  
Board would meet to-night.  
V. 435 Cats. \$4.75

The Board met a seven o'clock p. m. & I attended the meeting. The following members  
were present, Dr. Hall Messrs Hyde, Matthews, Riggs, Welling and McGuire, Mr  
Corcoran came also. Profr Baird is about from the city. Action was taken on the  
following points, among others.

The communication from V. de Soli in reference to statue of Hygeia, & a Bronze Satr,  
was referred to the Committee on art-works.  
J. J. Stewart's proposition to purchase Pulaski's bust declines.

The Secretary was requested to decline purchase of John Dougherty (England) paintings -  
& also the guns offered by Doge & sons. Asst. Curator wrote to them to the effect.

Mr Corcoran's donation of \$2123 27/" to the Gallery to assist in founding a School of  
Design, was accepted.

A deed from the Trustees to Dr Hall, was ordered to be signed by Mr Hyde, in behalf of  
this Gallery.

Mrs Tayloe's proposal to donate her pictures &c to the Gallery was referred to Messrs  
Welling, Hyde, & Matthews.

At Dr Welling's suggestion, the Curator was authorized to have the Guizot portrait repaired.

I showed various art letters to the Committee, but no action.

**174 Oct. 21.**

Monday, bright & pleasant- back again at my desk.

Engaged in bringing up arrears of my journal from Dr Barbarin's notes.

Rec'd a delightful letter from Mrs Ferry (late copyist) now in Munich, giving an enthusiastic account of her trip & what she has seen in Germany.

My friends Hudson & commander Taylor, with Miss Lindsly called, also Dr Hall.

Find this Gallery to look grander & more beautiful than ever, by contrast with those at the north.

V. \$ C.

**Oct 22**

Bright & beautiful.

Letter from Miss M. N. Stevenson Paterson N.J. enclosing \$1.50 (money order) for a Charlotte Corday. Sent it.

Sent \$5.00 to A. Barnes & Co. N.Y. for subsn. to International Revw.

Mr Barton, artist from Zanesville O. an old acquaintance called.

Mr Louis Bagger called & gave an interesting sketch of his trip to Europe.

V. 320 Cats 8 \$2.00 P. \$3.50

**Oct 23**

Windy, cloudy, but mild.

Wrote to Prest. Thos. P. Pynchon, Hartford about casts.

**175 Fire made in central furnace, which is in food condition.**

Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall came. I spoke of Maj. Curtis' landscape, but they decided it was not of merit enough to purchase.

The Chinese Minister & legation invited to visit the Gallery on Wednesday next 30<sup>th</sup>.

V. 36 \$5.75 Cat. 6 \$1.50 Photos. \$5.00

**Oct. 24**

Bright & cool.

Receipt from A. Barnes & Co. N.Y.

Letter from Gordon W. Burnham N.Y. 128, 5<sup>th</sup> Av. about the portraits of ~~He~~ Daniel Ashburton by Healy, of which he spoke to me in N. Y. also with it 2 letters from Everett & Williams, Boston, who have them for sale at the price of \$3,000 for both. Mr Burnham is an enthusiast about Webster & donated the bronze statue of Webster to the Central ^Park^ New York, at a cost of \$30,000. I read them to Mr Corcoran who thought the price is too high- as it is- & advised to consult Dr Welling. Wrote to the latter.

Mr Ross Turner's father brought in two water color drawings by the former, & left them for inspection.

Dr Hall called.

V. 320 Cats. 11 \$2.75 P. \$8.00

**176 Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Bright & genial.

Mr Turk's marine picture by Bradford, to be removed.

Mr Bagger sent for bust, pedestal & picture. Got them.

Dr Welling thinks with Mr Riggs that \$3,000 is too high for the Webster & Ashburton portrait, saved from the burning of Marshfield. I so wrote to Mr Burnham returning the letter of Everett & Williams.

Dr Welling approves removal of Tecumseh to back of Napoleon- at least, on trial.

Maj. Curtis wrote to know if his landscape would be bought. Wrote him that it was declined.

Gibson brought back his bill, with explanations.

Hung Mrs Hughes' pictures in the S.W. Gallery.  
Placed Crittenden's bust on the Henry pedestal.

V. 57 \$14.25 Cats. 6 \$1.50 P. \$2.00

**Oct. 26**

Clear & mild.

Maj. Curtis sent for & rec'd his landscape.

Gave Gibson's bill to Mr Hyde.

Saw Barlow about € repairing Guizot—He asks \$75.

Dr Welling called & said he would leave repair of Guizot to me.

- 177** Miss N. M. Lockwood brought a specimen of painting and received permission with card to copy.

Mr Bland (N.Y. Museum of Art) sent a note with a photograph of Rembrandt Peale's portrait of Thorwaldsen, which is offered for \$500.

V. 415 Cats 15 \$3.75 P \$3.00

**Oct. 28**

Monday. Bright with a cold north-wester.

Letter from Mr Walters acknowledging the notice to meet the Chinese Minister, & asking for measurements of the Sculpture Halls, sent them, and requested him to state how casts could be obtained from Paris &c. for colleges & schools.

Sent for Mr Bradley who will move the Tecumseh on Wednesday morning.

Wrote to J.J. Stewart Balt. stating that the Board of Trustees declined purchasing the Pulaski bust.

Wrote to Mr Bland N.Y. acknowledging his letter & photo of Thorwaldsen, & mailing to him a copy of the "Pompeian Toilette".

Mr Corcoran & Miss Jones, & Dr Hall called.

Mr Kennedy editor of      was interested. He will write an article about the Gallery.

V. 48 \$12.00 Cats. 3 75cts P. \$1.00

- 178** **Oct. 29**

Bright and cool- heavy frost last night.

Dr Jouy brought photos- certified bill \$18.00.

Mr Corcoran called. In conversation with him I gathered how though his sole efforts with R. J. Walker then Secy of the Treasury, he had the whole of the Smithsonian Legacy- principal & interest- all capitalized, & converted to immediate use for the erection of the Smithsonian Institution, in spite of the adverse opinion of Chief Justice Taney & other officials.

V. 325 Cats. 6 \$1.50 Photos \$1.25

### Oct. 30

Rain, cloudy—some signs of clearing.

Mr Bradley came early & by ¼ past 10 a.m. had Tecumseh removed to the rear of “Napoleon”. As I anticipated its effect there is incongruous- it destroys the sentiment of solitariness, of isolated grandeur in decline, ~~by un-bearing~~ of the latter, and though the Indian is in stronger light, the weak commonplace points of him, are too conspicuous, and after all the work does not impress one as it did in the dark recess whence it was taken. It intrudes upon the Napoleon, & destroys the fine relief of the latter very seriously. It is left on the rollers for the Board to decide to-day when they meet to receive the Chinese ambassador. I hope the Trustees will order it back.

Letter from Mr Bland, thanking me for the photo, and stating that the Thorwaldsen portrait is  
in Europe.

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Postal card from James Usher 9. Murray St. New York, calling attention to the sale of James Usher’s Library, and asking if he should send a catalogue- price 25cts—wrote him declining it.

Mr J. L. O’Sullivan of N.Y. who offered for sale the Murillo sketch, called for a few minutes.

At 2 p. m. The Chinese minister & suite – 10 in all, appeared and after introduction to Mr Corcoran & the Trustees, proceeded to the galleries. Most of them speak English well, & are very intelligent. They took the greatest interest in all they saw.

Dr. Hall, Dr Welling & Mr Corcoran approved of the placing of Tecumseh in its new position, and so there it is to be for the present.

Professor Baird requested me to call over & see the artistic things at the Smithsonian Institution, some day between 1 & 3 p. m.

V. 64 \$11.25 Cats. 6 \$1.50

[Oct. 31]

Cloudy and cold.

Recd 3d. vol. of L'Art, and bill for it from Boston Phila. Sent latter to Mr Hyde.

Removed table of Chinese cloisonné from before the register by order of Dr Welling.  
Mr Bradley this morning placed Tecumseh in final ^position.^

- 180** Mr. Bureau (late of Wood & Co. brass founder Phila) called & left his card. Is in that business Phila 909 Ninth St. Is here to put bas-relief plates on the pedestal of the statue of Gen. Thomas.

Genl. McCook introduced Mr Price of England, M.P.

New catalogue 12<sup>th</sup> edn. issued

V. 290 Cats. 12 \$3.00 Photos. \$1.75

### **Nov. 1.**

Cold and clear. Our office too clear for comfort.

Note from Mr Bagger, stating that his picture-frame was not injured, while here.

Took down the Guizot portrait, & put Miss Stuart's copy of her father's "Washington" in its place, until repaired. Mr Barlow came & agreed with me that the Guizot was in a critical condition. He sent for it, and will line & repair it in two weeks. He paid his bill for photos.

Transferred Le Clear's portrait of Page artist, to the Main Gallery, in place of Mr Carlisle's portrait, which I brought down & hung in the Trustees' Room.

Mrs. Snowden called. I told her of Mr Bureau, & she is to see him to-day, or will meet him to-morrow at her house.

Dr Conrad Va. called & stated that his picture of Sancho Panza & the Duchess" by Chapman, will be sent up for exhibition. It was brought & hung. A poor affair.

Mr Bureau called & will see Mrs Snowden tomorrow.

Mr Ulke called, & got form of offering to Gallery Prof. Henry's portrait.

Dr Hall called.

V. 53 \$11.00 C. \$1.75 P. \$3.60

### **181 Nov. 2.**

Clear and pleasantly cool.

Wrote Mr H. P. Gray Jr. N.Y. about "Freedom", & sent "Regulations.

Miss Hutton (daughter of Rev. Dr Hutton) called to learn terms of instruction in Drawing & Painting. Will call on Monday.

Maj. Powell, explorer, called. Admires the Kensett Lake George much.

Mr & Miss Van Ness called. The latter wishes to copy Rebecca at the Well, & have it taken down. Will decide on Monday.

Paid Ice-bill (\$.05) and ordered 25 lbs to be left.

V. 435 Cats 19 \$4.75 Photos \$7.00

#### Nov. 4

Monday. Bright, & pleasantly cool.

Miss Hutton called about Drawing & Painting fees.

Mr ---- called about cleaning plaster-casts.

Went over to the Smithsonian Institution. Profr. Baird shewed me the things he proposed to transfer here. They plaster casts somewhat injured at the time of the fire in that building, and need repair: after which they would be of service in an academy as Drawing Models. At any rate I will place them in our cellar for the present. Among them is a cast of the Venus di Medici's & of Barbee's Fisher-Girl- much broken. Profr. B. will have them repaired.

Mr Henry Adams called & expressed a desire to have his drawings returned to him.

V. 31 \$7.00 Cats. 1 \$25

#### 182 Nov. 5

Bright & pleasant.

Mr Naulty exhibited a Privy Disinfector, Gave him a note to Mr Hyde, to see if he approved its use here.

Paid Mrs. McMahon \$1.00 for washing statue-covers.

Invitation to attend reception of Art Students' League N. Y.

Mr Corcoran called and good-humoredly told me that I had mortified Miss Strong by refusing to admit on exhibition her "Devotion", last spring, whereupon I told him that there was another side to that charge, which Miss Strong had failed to mention—that the Art Committee (as represented by Dr Welling) ^not myself^ had consented to admit it, upon two conditions—to be hung above the line, - by reason of its want of finish, & that the name Devotion be changed to a "Study of an old woman from life of other name," as there was no sentiment of "Devotion" in the picture. The old gentleman laughed and said

that all was all night, but still it was best to bend a little to the wishes of the copyists. The amount of it is that many of these copyists on finding that they can't have their own way, go to him with their grievances, & try to carry their point.

Dr Hall called.

V. 272 Cats. 9 \$2.25 P. \$1.50

### Nov. 6

Cold, raw and cloudy. Anniversary (5<sup>th</sup>) of my Curatorship.

Clark Mills called to see if I would accompany him to Mt. Vernon- will do so the first-fine day.

Sent corrected Regulations to Gibson & Bros.

Wrote to Mr Sartain to know when he will visit us.

Dr Hill called.

183 Mr Hyde sent up (yesterday) proposals to put in the new boilers. The one is on its way.

Also sent up a letter from Mrs Henry to Mr Corcoran.

Got letter & note paper, mucilage & ink from Boardman & Co.

V. 43 \$10.00 Cats. 75cts. Photos \$1.00

### Nov. 7.

Cloudy and raw.

Gibson sent up proof "Regulations", amended & returned.

Mr Naulty called, took six of his Disinfectors, & 1 ½ dozen of the soap-- \$5.00.

Wrote to Vte. de Soli, Viroflay, France, declining in the name of the Art Committee of purchase, his statues, Hygeia & Satyr.

Wrote to T. Bland, returning photo of "Thorwaldsen," & declining to send for the painting by Peale—as directed by the Art-Committee.

V. 158 Cats 3 75cts

### Nov. 8

Bright, windy & cool.

The new boiler arrived here from N.York at 5 p.m. yesterday. Notified Mr Hyde, who telegraphed to the makers, to have it set up.

Letter from Mr Sartain stating he will be here at end of next week.

Mrs. Collins wife a fireman here, after Owen's death, called to ask me to recommend her husband to Mr Rhees of the Smithsonian Institution, for a position as Engineer there.

Have done so.

Gibson sent up 100 copies of new Regulations, to be newly distributed among the copyists.



Mr Adams called for a testimonial to the efficiency & economy of his Gas Regulator.  
Gave it to him.

Mrs. Reading & Miss Washington called to see Mr Johnston's "Heir".

V. 26 \$6.50 Cats. 1 25cts

Bright windy & cool.

Letter from Miss M. A. Henry Cambridge, Mass, about the unknown portrait left here on  
deposite by her- wishing to know its history if possible, from myself or the Trustees.

Wrote to her.

Mr Corcoran called: told him Mr Sartain is coming next week.

Letter from J.B. Craig 22 Poplar St. Allegany City Pa. stating that Algco's plaster bust of  
C. Cushman ought to be made in marble or bronze for this Gallery. Wrote declining the  
proposition & stating that we had a photo of the bust sent to Mr Corcoran.

Wrote to Mr Rhees, Smithn. Insten. a recommendation of James Collins as Engineer or  
Fireman.

~~Nov~~ Visitors 415 Cats. 12 \$3.00

## **Novr. 11**

Monday. Bright & pleasantly cool.

Mr Hyde quite ill since Friday.

Letter from B.T. Jacobs, Stapleton L. J. 25cts for Catalogue. Sent it.

Interesting letter from Mrs. Shedd, Providence, about her European trip.

Gillin' man came to-day from New York, to set up the new boiler, which will necessitate  
extensive preparation for it in the cellar, & coils in this Room to heat it properly.

Mr Corcoran called & requested me to prepare a sketch of the "Battle of New Orleans"  
by L' Ami, to be used in the presentation of that picture to the state of Louisiana.

Mr Horatio King brought an injured head of George Canning by Sir M. A. Shee, Prest. of  
R.A. London. If Board does not wish to buy it, would like to exhibit it.

185 Dr Welling called. Wishes me to appraise the value of copies of old masters belonging to  
Miss Boyle.

Dr Jouy brought photographs.

Dr Hall called, he & Dr Welling object to the Canning picture.

V. 36 \$9.00 Cats 3 75cts

## **Nov. 12**

Clear but cool and windy.

Letter from Mr Moran, Newark N.J. Wishes to know if Art Committee has passed upon  
his Florida picture.

Dr Maynard called to inquire about the opening of an Art School.

Dr Hall sent up a note introducing Col. & Mrs. Bee Cala. whom I escorted through the galleries.

Mr Corcoran called & said over 50 women temperance delegates from Balt. would call at the Gallery at 4 ½ p.m.

Mr McChesney from the Engineers' Dept. U.S. called to inquire if I had applied by Lt. Wheeler to locate Mr. Corcoran on his map. Had written no such letter.

The Temperance ladies.

V. 38 \$8.25 Cats. 3 75cts Photos. \$8.00

#### **Nov. 14.**

Bright and pleasant.

Postal from Mr Sartain. Will arrive in W. on Monday next.

Work on setting up New York, going on.

186 Mr Hyde is very ill.

Mr Burns states that two (or one) coils sufficient to heat this room, will cost \$175. over the cost of furnace & boiler.

Wrote to Mrs Ferry, Munich.

V. 400 Cats 12 \$3.00 P. \$1.00

#### **Nov. 15**

Bright & pleasantly cool.

Mr Matthews called. He & Mr Hyde with two radiators like those in the vestibule to be placed in the Trustees Rooms, Dr Hall ^last night^ thought they were not ornamental & would prefer them not be in the room. Mr Hyde (who is better) will sign the order for the radiators.

Miss C. F. Lewis left specimens of her painting.

Dr Parker, a regent of the Smithn. Insitutn. called to see if Le Clear's portrait of Profr Henry could be exhibited here to "get an expression of the public opinion "as to its merits." Referred him to the Art Committee.

The boiler safely in the cellar.

Saw Profr Baird about his casts, & engaged Mr Smilie to come & take photos. in a week hence.

Dr Hall called.

V. 47 \$11.25 Cats 6 \$1.50

#### **Novr. 16**

Somewhat cloudy & cool.

Had to cut away stone-blocks from cellar-doorway (inside) to pass the boiler. Bricklayer at work. Messr. Hyde & Matthews signed agreement for 2 radiators \$175, if efficient.

Col. Lightfoot & 70 cadets from Warrenton visited the Gallery.

Mrs Col. Hughes called to urge the purchase of her pictures by Reynolds. Will call to see a bust of her by Powers.

**187** Miss Lewis called & got ticket for copying & took her pictures.

V. 555 Cats 14 \$35.0 Photos. \$2.50

### **Nov. 18**

Monday. Cloudy, mild & threatening rain.

Mr Byrne has got the boiler in the cellar-room where it is to be placed, but had to cut away bricks to pass it.

Went at noon to Mrs Hughes' house & saw the bust by Powers, a work of great beauty, also some fine medieval out-carvings.

Mr Corcoran left in my absence a letter from Mrs Mignot, widow of the late artist, asking aid from him or friend, to enable her to send a collection of her husband's pictures here, or to sell his "Niagara".

Wrote to Mrs. Moran, Newark—nothing done about is picture.

Wrote to Mrs. Shedd, Providence.

V. 42 \$8.50 Cats 4 \$1.00

### **Nov. 19**

Clear and very mild.

Mr Martin on leave to Baltimore.

Mr Sartain has not arrived this morning.

Note from Mr Le Clear at Elmira inquiring about the chance of the Gallery accepting for purchase his portrait of Bryant the poet, & stating his intention to be here to paint a few heads- including my own, which he compliments me by saying, would be of service to him, as well as being a subject of "a tremendous strong picture"! Wrote him to send on the Bryant.

Work on the boiler progressing- This afternoon the brick-work if the boiler under this room, is to be taken down, & the fires extinguished- so there will be no fire in the building until Saturday.

Dr Hall called.

V. 310 Cats. 7 \$1.75 Photos. 50cts

### **188 Novr. 20**

Bright & mild.

No fire in the building, & have to wear over-coats.

Found Mr Sartain at the Gallery. He was surprised at the splendor of its contents. He came again with Mr Clark (Int. Dept.)

Mr Corcoran called & left to be framed a copy in mss. of Thos. Jefferson's Direction for his Monument & inscriptions.

D.P. Halsey Richmond Va. called to examine the St. Memin Book. He intends to bring up here a picture by Rembrandt, 1639 which he obtained in Heidelberg, Germany.

V. 41 \$9.00 Cats. 4 \$1.00 P. \$4.00

### **Novr. 21**

Cloudy & cool.

Last night sent to Mr Matthews introductory letters to N.Y. galleries.

Brick-work on furnace nearly finished. Old boiler nearly down.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Robinson to see a copy of the Duomo of Santa Maria of Florence- have none. He called twice in vain to see Mr Sartain/

Mr Terrell, Covington KY, called to state that a friend of his in Louisville, had a portrait of Prest. Harrison by Johnson of Baltimore for sale.

Mr --- nephew of Judge Sanders, formerly minister to Spain, called to sell a small picture of a monk which his uncle got in Madrid, & was supposed to be by Fra Angelica- price \$400. Told him, the order of the Committee was "not buying pictures."

V. 200 Cats. 11 \$2.75 P. 50cts

### **Novr. 22**

Raining and cold.

Mr Corcoran called, and shortly after Mr Sartain came in, & then sought the former at his office, where he found him.

Work on the furnaces, drawing to a close.

- 189** Dr Parker called and stated that Mr Corcoran allows him to have Le Clear's portrait of Profr Henry, hung here on exhibition.

V. 18 \$4.50 Cats. 4 \$1.00

### **Nov. 23**

Very cold & wind from northwest, blustering.

Hard to keep warm in the Office. Overcoats & sheepskin over feet!

Letter from Professor Baird stating that he was instructed by the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to send to this Gallery for temporary deposit Le Clear's "Prof Henry" & requesting me to state when it will be ready to receive it.

Wrote him to send it on Monday.

Rc'd catalogue of S. Francisco Art Association.

Mr Hyde sent me a letter to him from Mr Rhees (Smithn Instn.) enclosing one from a Mr W. S. Elwell, Springfield Mass, artist, who offers to sell an original portrait of Danl.

Boone by Chester Harding (1879) owned by Willie King, of same place & painted by his

grandfather ~~from~~ Mr Harding. Mr Elwell has also copies of Harding's John Randolph & Charles Carroll, & says he painted from life Mrs Madison in 1848, & sold it to Mr Seaton. These letters came to Mr Hyde just after his attack of illness, & were not opened until yesterday: he requests to explain to Mr Rhees the delay of a reply, & write to the artist Elwell which I have done.

Saw Mr Sartain. He dined with Mr Corcoran yesterday. Went with him to Dr Hall, then came to the gallery & showed him the plans of new Building, & St. Memin's Portraits. He gave interesting items about the church of San Maria de Fuore at Florence, (photograph ^of it^ left to-day by F. B. McGuire) & then left for Phila at 1.30.p.m.

Mr Corcoran & Miss Robinson called & saw this photograph.

Mr Byrne says the radiator will not be here before Tuesday. Another fireless week in prospect! Mr Bingham artist called, & says the original Danl. Boon is in Massachusetts: Elwell may be right.

V. 340 Cats. 11 \$2.75

## 190 Novr. 25

Monday. Bright and pleasant.

Mr Bingham artist gone to Richmond.

Barlow sent back the Guizot lined & varnished. Hung it.

Profr Baird will send Le Clear's "Profr. Henry." Arrived at 3 ½ p.m.

Mr Sartain advises "Count Eberhard" to be cleaned by an expert.

The brickwork on the furnace-finished.

Miss Eustis called to speak of new colored prints for her niece.

Sent receipt for Profr. Henry's portrait.

V. 82 (42 free) \$10.00 Cats. 3 75cts

## Novr. 26

Rainy and raw – galleries very cold.

Radiators for the Trustees Room arrived. Preparing to connect the steam-pipes-.

Mr Hyde was here yesterday, recovered.

Placed "Le Clear's" Henry" in the east gallery, where it looks better. It stands contrasts with Ulke's well, except in the eyes, which being too near, hurts the portrait greatly. It has also a somewhat unfinished look, though there is fine work in the luminous delicate tones of color in the brow, hair & lower part of the face. The body needs varnish to bring out its modeling.

Barlow called with his bill for \$80.00, for repairing & lining the Guizot." Certified it.

Dr. Parker, & Mr ^F.B.^ McGuire called.

Genl. Beach called about casts for Trinity College, Hartford.

Radiators being placed in Trustees Room.

V. 230 Cats 16 \$4.00 Photos. \$2.00

**Novr. 27**

Heavy constant rain & very raw- Gallery very uncomfortable.

Pipes for the boiler arrived to-day, work going on steadily, but no prospect of fire in them before end of the week.

Saw Mr Corcoran who tells me he has bought 16 portraits of the Presidents & other distinguished American origi

**191** nal & copied by Healy from ex-commissioner Bryan- the Gallery to repay him, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July/78, when they are to be delivered. What an acquisition for the Portrait Department! Mr C. also spoke to me about the Daniel Boone portrait by Harding in Springfield Mass, and is interested about it. Told him about the desirableness of obtaining set of 4 dishes illustrating the process of making the Cloisonnee work, now for sale in a collection of Japanese articles.

V. 23 \$5.15 Cats 4 \$1.00 P. \$1.00

**Nov. 28**

Thanksgiving Day- Gallery – Weather clear, windy & cold.

The work of laying pipes in the cellar nearly finished.

Mr Hyde reported unwell again.

Fragment of a painted cast was found on the floor near the large Mercury. Think it is from the horse of night.

Good attendance in the gallery- but few **clerks**. After 2.p.m. the visitors increased as follows: to Dr Hall's great gratification.

V. 1260 Cats. 23 \$5.75

**Nov. 29**

Bright, and cool day.

Went to the Capitol to examine casts left by Dr Stone sculptor, saw Mr Clark. He will call to-morrow for photos. & to take me to the Capitol to-morrow.

Dr Colburn called to state that he wished to exhibit a picture by Miss Lockwood (copyist) of a Virgin & Child partly original: will send it up to-morrow.

A note from Isabella Bentley 1224 14<sup>th</sup> St. requesting Buying Committee to call examine some "gems" of pictures" for sale.

Visitors 45 \$11.25 Cats. 6 \$1.50 P. 4.00

**Nov. 30**

Mr Clarke did not call. Bright & pleasantly cool.

Mr Matthews called, was pleased with the northern galleries.

Mr Turner took away his son's picture, & sold to Mr Glover.

Mrs. Power called about exhibiting wax-work.

The work on pipes of boiler to be finished to-day- Expect to have heat on Monday.

Dr Hall called- also Mr Bragly.

V. 520 6 \$1.50 P. \$1.00

**192 Decr. 2**

Clear, mild & a fleiward, cloudy & cool.

Dr Colburn brought the "Babe of Bethlehem" by his niece Miss Lockwood (copyist), a week affair partly copied from a print. He left a note asking its exhibition, to the Art Committee.

Went to the Capitol & Saw Dr. Stone's copy of Apollo in plaster.

Mr (Architect) Clark will send us some books on Architecture.

V. 30 \$7.50 Cats. 1 25cts P. \$1.00

**Decr. 3**

Bright & mild in the morning, cool & cloudy afterwards.

Fire at last in the new boiler! but the smell of oil most offensive, the Sculpture Gallery is comfortable, but it will take a day to have the Main G. warmed.

Mr Byrne says that the covering of the pipes in the ground & the additional new pipe are extra work outside that specified in his contract. The matter will be settled when Mr Byrne announces to the Building Committee that the work is finished.

Dr Hall called, also Dr Colburn about the "Babe Bethlehem".

Mr Corcoran came in & told many anecdotes.

Mr Solomons called to ask leave to bring here on exhibition a "Martyrdom of St Catherine" by Cerrini, pupil of Guido.

The smell of the oil on the heating apparatus is most offensive.

Communication Ben. P. Poore requesting to correct list of Officers of this Gallery.

V. 306 Cats 14 \$3.50 P. \$3.00

**Decr. 4**

Cloudy & cool.

Moderate fire in the Gallery- smell of oil dispersed.

Genl. Beach, wife & sister-in-law—Have promised to the former, a copy of Brucciani's catalogue.

Dr. Hall left Mr Story's letter to Mr. Corcoran, which I have returned to the latter.

Notified Dr Welling of Miss Lockwood's application to exhibit.

**193 Miss Strong called & signed receipt for the removal of her portrait of Judge Taney, to-day or to-morrow.**

Mr Solomon's sent up his Martyrdom of St. Catherine.

~~Decr~~ 59 \$13.00 Cats. 6 \$1.50 P. \$2.00

**Decr. 5**

Cloudy with a cold northwest wind, a little snow this morning.

Mr Architect Clark called & got some photographs.

Mr Ezekiel (sculptor from Rome) called. He goes to the west & will return this month, & is anxious to make a bust of Mr Corcoran.

The statues of Phidias & Raphael will be here in February.

Mr T.B. Bryan tells me that the pictures to be sent here in January are 17 in number 15 of Presidents, one of George Peabody & one of Mrs. Martha Washington.

Sent to B.P. Poore U.S. Senate Printing Records list of offices.

V. 440 Cats. 28 \$7.00 P. \$4.50

**Decr. 6**

Bright & afterwards cloudy and quite cold.

Letter from J. H. Crosby of Bangor, inquiring if we had a photograph of Corday.

Answered it with list of photographs.

Brought here the photographic curtain, got Williams to ~~make~~ make a hem to receive the roller. Mr Smilie not here.

Smoke in the S.E. Picture Gallery as last year, from the Janitor's kitchen.

Mr Byrne finished his work & left for N.Y. to-day. The brick-layer repairing chimney-tops.

Mr Corcoran & Mr Matthews called. The former thinks it was well for Ezekiel & others that the meeting in Richmond about the Lee Monument was a fizzle, as he is sure the order would have been given to Miss V. Ream, through Washington wire-puller.

V. 95 \$22.65 Cats. 4 \$1.00 P. \$2.75

**Decr. 7**

Cold & cloudy, threatening rain.

Mr Regan finished repair of chimneys \$28.50.

Mr Corcoran consent to placing his name on his portraits Dr. Hall.

V. 465 Cats 22 \$5.50 P. \$1.50

**194 Dec. 9.**

Raw and rainy.

Note from Mrs W.M. McCluer Stillwater Minn. asking if we have C. Corday photo, & for sale. Sent reply & list of photos.

Letter from Mr Bogart, electrician N.Y. repeating directions for using the batteries, Asst. Curator, sent them to him for repair.

Mrs Ketcham brought specimen of paintings, & signed application to copy C. Corday, entered her name when rules are signed.



Mr Guillaume artist called about the formation of a class of students in the galleries under him.

V. 33 \$5.25 Cats 4 \$1.00 P. \$

### **Dec. 10**

Mild and raining.

Letter from Gordon W. Burnham N.Y. transmitting a box to this Gallery containing an account of the Inauguration of the Statue of Daniel Webster in Central Park. Ten copies were in the box—one for Mr Corcoran, & the ~~the~~ others are to be sent to the President &c. Mr Burnham donated the statue of Webster.

Mr Corcoran called and stated that Mrs Adams would send fine paintings, which he wished to have hung in the Gallery.

Dr Hall called.

### **Dec. 11**

Bright & pleasantly cool after a storm of rain & snow last night.

Letter from J. H. Crosby, Me. enclosing money order for \$3.30 for 3 copies of Corday.

Mailed them & wrote him.

Note from F.B. McGuire, quoting a message from Mr Mayer of Balt, regretting he could not find the list of casts by the process of a canvass mould, the inventor of which is employed by the Ecolades Beaux Arts, Paris."

Received a letter from Mr Burnham, from the Department of Justice.

Mr Smilie came & after Mr Taylor altered frame of the

195 Photographic curtain, ~~pho~~ took negative of Diana, failed in it.

Mrs Adams called & said Mrs. Buchanan's pictures were to be put in corner gallery.

Mrs. Power maker of a waxwork design of "Crowning of the Cross", called & wishes to have it placed in the Bronze Hall of Art Comttee. consent.

Miss Boyle called about getting me to appraise some old pictures at Garland's. Will go there tomorrow with her.

Received from the President, Secy of State & thankful acknowledgment of Mr Burnham's volume.

Mr Corcoran came with Mrs. Cicero Harris of Wilmington N.C. & requests me to select six photographs for her. He objects to the wax-work being in the gallery.

Drs. Hall & Blake came.

Sent Burnham's volume to Justices Waite, & Swayne, Blaine & Kernan.

V. 47 \$10 Cats 6 \$1.50 P

### **Dec. 12.**

Bright, cool & breezy.

Sent to Hon. S. B. Chittenden, his copy of Burnham's volume.

T. Moran's Discovery of a Turner

Yesterday rec'd copy of a N.Y. Herald containing an account of the discovery of an original painting by the great Turner in New Jersey by Thos. Moran, artist- which he values at \$30,000!

Mr Smilie came & took a successful negative of Diana, then left.

Miss Boyle called & I went with her to see her copies of ancient pictures, which though good, were in bad order.

Mr Corcoran called & got the photographs he wished.

Rec'd six portraits by Savage of London 1796 of Governor Johnson Wife, daughter & son (by King) Sir Richd. B. Lloyd (Wye River, Md. & of Andrew Buchanen.

Drs Hall & Hill.

V. 340 Cats \$6.25= 25 copies P. \$3.75

### Dec. 13

Bright and pleasant.

Recd. acknowledgement of Burnham's volume from Judges

196 Waite & Swayne.

Hung the Buchanan pictures in the S.W. Gallery.

Yesterday Mr H. S. Adams examined the St. Memin portrait.

Note addressed to Mr Corcoran from W.A.H. Schneider 1911 7<sup>th</sup> St. stating he has collection of Japanese Pottery mostly Satsuma.

Mr Heine artist, formerly of this city, who after going to Japan in Com. Perry's Expedition, painted several scenes of that country here, and subsequently returned from Germany, got a commission in the Union army during the Civil war, & rose to be a General of Volunteers, came here to-day, stated he had ordered over 50 of his Japanese pictures to be sent here, & put up in one wall. I told him that could not be done without authority & he wrote an application to the Trustees.

Dr Hall came. Mr Smilie took photos of Sophocles & Augustus.

V. 58 \$11.50 Cats. 5 \$1.25 Photos 50cts

### Decr. 14

Bright & pleasant.

Took the Burnham volume to the Library.

Saw Mrs Fassatt's picture of the Electoral Commission.

Genl Heine came with his boxes while I was away, & brought a card from Mr Riggs stating they might be brought in the building.

The former again called dressed in the regimentals of a Brigadier, sword & all: Mr Riggs says the boxes can be placed in the cellar, but objects to them being hung in the Gallery until examined.

Mr W. McDonald's to send a plaster cast of Houdon's Washington here.

Mr McDonald, sculptor, called in my absence. He says he will take a gelatine mould from Houdon's cast of Washington & send a copy in plaster to this Gallery.

Mrs Towle left an unframed portrait of Miss Wendell.

V. 450 Cats. 18 \$4.50 Photos. \$3.00

### **Decr. 16**

Bright & pleasantly cool after yesterday's storm of rain.

Note from H.P. Gray Esq. N.Y. stating that the origin of the American Flag" will be here this week.

- 197** Letter from Mrs W.M. Cluer, Minn, enclosing \$1.13 for photo of C. Corday & postage. Mailed it & sent postal card.

Note from Mr Bouton N.Y. enclosing bill in advance for the "Portfolio" for 1879.

Mrs Towle took away her portrait of Miss Wendell for alteration.

Andrews, artist, called. He reports the English collection at Paris very great.

Note from Mr Crosly Bangor, Photo. arrived- enclosed 2ct. stamp.

Mrs Jouy brought proofs of photographs of Augustus, Diana & Sophocles- all good.

V. 35 \$8.25 Cat. 1 25cts P. \$1.00

### **Dec. 17**

Bright & cold – cloudy in the afternoon.

Genl. Heine brought volume of photos. from his Japanese pictures.

Mr F.B. McGuire spoke of illustrations by Mayer in Scribner.

Miss Galt, relative of the sculptor called & stated an old lady in Norfolk had a relic of Napoleon I. Cross of legion of Honor & glove.

Wrote to Mr Burnham.

V. 230 Catalogues 13 \$3.25 P. \$6.00

### **Decr. 18**

Bright & cold—cloudy in the afternoon.

Rec'd The Origin of the "American Flag" from Mr Gray N.Y. It is ↑the figure↓ of the same character in form ^with^ the Judgement of Paris, but the accessories the eagle &c not at all good. Freedom is very beautifully painted.

Mr Corcoran says he never fancied the Washington on glass, but did fancy Mrs Madison by Stuart, in Mr Causten's family's possession. He wants also to learn the price of Kings Calhoun. I saw Miss **Marcoel**, who will send the prices of Mrs Hughes' pictures.

Mr Smilie has taken negatives of Theseus, Mercury, Gladiators &c.

V. ~~473~~ 45. \$11.25 Cats. 7 \$1.75 Photos.

**Dec. 19**

Bright, breezy and cold.

Visit to Mt. Vernon with McDonald

Went with Mr McDonald, sculptor to Mt. Vernon. He took measurements of the earth-cast of Washington & compared them with those of the original plaster cast, and the marble statue in Richmond & found the former had shrunk much.

V. 473 C. 25 \$5.75 Photos \$9.25

**198 Decr. 20**

Bright & cool.

Private note from Col. Rogers, private Secretary of the President acknowledging the present of Mr Burnham's volume.

Took Mr McDonald to see Mr Corcoran & Dr Hall, then to see General Green's statue by Brown. Mr McDonald thinks it has many fine points, but also many gross defects.

Mr McDonald leaves for N.Y.

Mr McDonald got some photos. and took leave of us. He thinks Le Clear's "Profr Henry" a very fine work. He left me a **photo** of himself.

Mr Corcoran called.

Mr Smilie took the "Illisus", & Gladiator".

Mr Hyde sent up Mr T.B. Bryan's letter of acceptance of Mr Corcoran's offer about the pictures owned by him. Deliverable on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. & to remain here until 1<sup>st</sup> July following-Mr C. to pay him \$3,000 at 6 pr ct. for them to retain them if not redeemed.

V. 45 \$10.50 Cats. 8 \$2.00 Photos. \$4.75

**Decr. 21**

Fall of snow this morning some 4 inches deep, succeeded by rain that washed it off.

Hung Gray's picture in the South E. gallery. It is a beautiful work ^& wrote to him.^

V. 105 Cats. 11 \$2.75 Photos \$2.50

**Decr. 23**

Bright, cool & bracing. Dr Barbarin on leave to-day.

Mr Andrews took away his "Head" by Kraus, & photo of the Nativity.

Mr Corcoran called with Miss Randolph, & delivered a volume of ↑Owen Jones' ↓examples of Chinese Ornament from objects in the Kensington Museum", a present to the Gallery by E. Clark, architect-.

Mrs Power took away her wax "Cross", Mr Smilie photoed Discobolus by Naucydes & -  
the unknown head in color, belonging to Miss Henry.

Col. Heine opened one box of his Japan pictures, & they are in the Office.

Letter from Hermann Haimstel, Ulm ( Wurstanenburg) enclosing a photo of a Madonna  
^& child^ by A. Caracci, price \$5000. bonus to the agent of \$500.

Dr Hall spoke to Mr Cushman the terrible copyist, about the expectations of the Gal  
Board that copyists would study the works

199 in the Gallery & objected to their photographing their copies.

V. 53 C. 4 \$1.00 P. 75cts

#### Dec. 24.

Mr L. V. Benjamin, Century Club 15th. NY. called to see if he could be allowed on this  
gallery by him for Scribner's Magazine, ~~rep~~. He also wished to have photographed for  
his purpose some of the works of which ~~he~~ me has no negatives. There will be no  
objection to the former, but the latter request is somewhat inadmissible. Will write to  
him.

Weather very cold to-day.

V. 210 Cats 8 \$2.00 P. \$4.00

#### Dec. 25

Christmas Day. Holiday. Darrell sent the mail to my house.

Letter from H.P. Gray Jr. Thinks "Flag" superior to the "Judgement of Paris" & says  
\$8,500 in cash down, ↑now↓ will not buy it, I hope he will get it.

Wrote to Miss Williams, Salem Mass. & sent Regulations for Exhibition.

The weather to-day was the coldest of the season.

#### Dec. 26

Weather milder, and cloudy in the afternoon.

Dr Jouy sent copies of the new photographs.

Mr Corcoran came with his eldest grandson William Eustis & requested me to have Mrs.  
Tayloe's portrait hung in "Louise Home".

Received a copy of Mr McRae pamphlet on Houdon's Washington from Mr McDonald  
sculptor.

V. 590 Cats. \$6.25 P. \$5.25

#### Dec. 27.

Cloudy, windy & very cold.

Dr Hall requested me yesterday if we photographed the portrait of the Presidents (by  
Healy after Stuart) to be here on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, to give a photo of Monroe to Miss Randolph of  
Va.

Sent Mrs. Tayloe's picture by Mr Hedgman to Louis Home.  
Wrote to Mr H. Hainstel, Germany- not buying old pictures.  
Rec'd letter from Mr Walters, Balt. stating some friends from that city will be here on Monday & hoping I will come there to see his collection when ready in a few weeks.  
Wrote to him.

Mr Corcoran's 80<sup>th</sup>. year.

- 200** Mr Blight, a Director of the Penna. Academy of Fine Arts, called to examine the St. Memin portraits. Mr Corcoran coming in, I introduced them- Mr Corcoran completes to-day his 80<sup>th</sup> year, and he looks fresh & is vivacious enough to last 10 years more. Mr Smilie thinks the Caesar & Sophocles photos soo dark & will retouch the negatives, & if necessary take new ones.  
Mr. Riggs examined Heine's pictures, & does not approves the "Babe".  
V. 62 x 16 78 \$15.50 Cats \$2.00

### **Dec. 28**

Bright and cold though milder & thawing after noon.  
Dr Jouy brought proofs of Theseus, Ilissus, Mercury, Gladiators Fighting & Dying & Dicobolus (by Nancydes. All good.  
Col. Heine will take a number of his paintings to the Smithsonian Institution for a photographer there.  
V. 735 Cats. 32.00 \$8.00 Photos 75cts

### **Dec. 30**

Bright & mild, after a light snow before dawn. It is melting.  
Bought a new Record vol. from Fill & Co. \$2.40.  
Dr Welling called for a few minutes, thinks the "Babe" very poor.  
Mr Walters & several Directors of the Peabody Institute Balt. came at noon with Mr Corcoran & Mr Riggs. Mr Lind, then architect, came & took several measurements with a view to fit up their Institute. I was consulted about the fabric on the walls, their color, lighting & ventilation.  
Mr Andrews came with fabric Capt. Moore who receipted for withdrawal of his son's picture, Mrs T. H. Baker wishes to copy & will send picture.  
Dr Hall called.

### **Dec. 31**

New Year's Eve

Cold & cloudy threatening snow & rain.  
Sorted photos from Dr Jouy.  
Misses Chesney & Edelin called & examined the St. Memin Portraits.

Dr Colburn sent an order for the "Babe"- It was returned.  
A Meeting of the Board is called for Jan 2d. Thursday at 7 p. m.  
Mr Moore sent an order & got the pictures of his son.  
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